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## Valleria.

BY VIRGINIUS HUTCHEN.

They may talk of dark Castillian maids
Where Spanish skies are blue and clear—
Of the virgins in the spicy shades
Of floral Shiraz or Cashmere—

But all their charms, though each so bright
All gazers' hearts with love must warm,
Where fair Valeria greets the sight,
Seem glowing in her perfect form.

Her voice's low, yet thrilling tone,
The charmed fancy aye may bear—
It lingers when her song is flown,
Like fairy echoes on the ear—

Yes, as Zephyrus dallies 'long,
And waves the rose with airy fingers,
So fair Valeria's witching song
Seems to recede, yet sweetly lingers.

When first we met, I saw her soul
E'er lit with truth her dark eye's beams;
And its mild spell, beyond control,
Enveloped me in rosy dreams—

A blissful trance of loveliness—
A boon in beauty's fearful power,
A something words cannot express,
Yet feeling echoes every hour.

You've seen the sunset shadows steal,
Like grey clap spectre's o'er the plain,
Which brighten and new forms reveal,
Then change to formless shade again:

Thus o'er Valeria's classic face
Gay thoughts their shining shadows threw,
Which faded oft, and I could trace
A mournful, dark and pensive hue.

It seems, within her spirit's shrine
Some sombre memories ever rest,
Which through her brightest smiles will shine,
As star-rays cleave through ocean's breast.

I met her with the young and gay
Where tones of joy rose on the air,
(When that heart-hidden grief held sway,)
The fairest though the saddest there.

One only of the hearts that bounded
In passion roused at pleasures shrine,
Her gentle spirit's depth has sounded,
And surely that one's heart was mine.

HICKMAN, KY.

THINKING CANARY.—A friend of ours is in possion of a canary which we think is as wonderful a bird as the old lady's hen who observed the Sabbath by declining to lay eggs on that day of the week.

This canary is a remarkably fine singer, and from sunrise to sunset, he makes the neighborhood joyous with his melody. His owner is unfortunately subject to sick head-ache, and suffers so seriously that he is obliged to lay in bed during the attack.

The last two or three times he has been obliged to knock under to the malady, "Charley" has been perfectly mute—not a note is heard; he sits moping on his perch, and nothing can induce him to sing; he takes his food as usual and washes himself, but wont even chirp. As soon, however, as his owner leaves his bed and speaks to him, he expresses his pleasure by jumping from perch to perch, and then pours a volume of melody to denote his gratification, which makes the room ring again.

ROMANCE VS. REALITY.—Much has been said by poets and romantic young ladies about the picturesque aspects, and the noble form of an untamed, untamable warrior of the prairie, and far be it from me to gainsay them. An Indian is a noble spectacle—in a picture, or at a safe distance, but when this noble spectacle is moving his moccasins in your direction, and you have to do some tall walking in order to keep the capillary substance on the summit of your cranium, all his "nobility," vanishes, and you see in him only a painted, greasy miscreant, who will, if you give him a chance, lift your hair with the same christian spirit, composed and most serene, with which he would ask another "spectacle" for a little more of that baked dog." I used to think like the poets; now the sight of an Indian gives me a cramp in the stomach.

THE GROWTH OF A SHIP.—This piece of ship anatomy was, a few months since the home of singing birds; and its green leaves danced and twinkled to their music. And now, though stripped and seeming dead, it will live a gallant life; it will feel a noble sympathy with giant being; it will pulsate to the billow; it will be a portion of a living ship; a beautiful and fearful thing, full-breasted, robed in flowing snow; a thing where grace and mightiness marry, and are indivisibly harmonized. The growth of a ship! The growth of a human thing! Why, it is alike. The earth and sky—all the elements have done their ministering, nursing the primal germ. And then, as the babe is to the man, so is the timber to the craft. The child becomes an honest trader or a sinful thief. The oak swims a merchant, or plunders as a buccaneer.—*Douglas Jerrold.*

## My Mysterious Neighbors.

They had the next room to mine. My boarding-house was one of a row—all boarding-houses, where the same carts came, all in a row, too, with meat and vegetables; where the landladies sometimes stood—all in a row—all in caps—to inspect the interior of said carts.

My landlady was decidedly the best looking of the whole. Most of them wore (as my brother once facetiously observed) 'an air of pinch,' as if hard times had turned an extra screw on them, as indeed everything about them had an extra something—except their tables.

As I said before, or should have said, my mysterious neighbors had the next room to mine.—They came in a carriage, the lady closely veiled, and when we all sat agog at the supper-table expecting to meet them face to face—expecting to have the exquisite pleasure of passing our comments on the color of their eyes and the style of their general make-up—lo, and behold, we did not see them at all—for they took supper in their own room. The next day and the next they absented themselves in the same way, not only at supper, but at breakfast and dinner, and finally we ascertained that they did not intend to be on exhibition for our benefit. Of course, we did not like it; we could not be expected to like it. We had received our share of inquisitorial inspection, and wanted to put others through the same course of—vegetable-tops.

Very well, if they avoided their fellow-boarders in that style, it was very likely, yes, it was more than probable that they were no better than they should be.

'A runaway match,' suggested one.

'A couple of spiritualists—free lovers,' chimed in another.

'Something wrong, any way,' said a third, and there we left it, satisfied that something was wrong, of course.

Day after day, I tried to get a glimpse of this mysterious couple. Sometimes I saw *him* come in, though it was always at that interesting time just before the hall lamps were lighted, and an indistinct figure passed by, whose immense whiskers and bushy beard suggested a resemblance to Kossuth. Once or twice I saw her.—She had a beautiful figure, further than that this deponent saith not.

Our boarding-house was an old building—the whole square was decrepid—whose large rooms contained more comfort in the way of air and breathing space, than the new-fangled edifices they put up now-a-days have in their whole interiors. I had a front chamber, which to make as much like a parlor as possible and divest of all the common places of boarding life, I had fitted up with a bedstead that took the shape of a well filled secretary during the day. There I wrote, read and dreamed in a quiet, contented way, except when thoughts of my mysterious neighbors forced themselves upon me.

One night as I ook my bed from the perpendicular, I felt a cold current of air rush past me. It was as cold as the month—January—and although the room was kept up to a temperate heat, it seemed to blow steadily, that cold rush, and tingle through my veins. Scanning closely, I saw a small aperture, which I had never noticed before. I was satisfied as I examined it, that by some means I had opened a sliding panel, and I tried to increase the space, but it would not budge an inch, one way or the other. Determined to inspect more thoroughly on the morrow—and satisfied that—what had often been declared—my boarding-house was really haunted, I stuffed the crevice with paper, and composed myself to rest. I heard the clock strike twelve; I had been sitting up unusually late, and was just conscious of gliding into a doze, when there seemed to be voices close to my head. In a moment I was wide awake, sitting bolt upright in bed, for these were the ominous words I heard:

'You know you held him till his breath was gone.'

'Well, it was your wish. Such a thought would never have entered my head but for you.'

'My wish! You cruel wretch!'

'Yes, your wish; your expressed wish. Was I not to take you to wife as my reward? Better it had taken me to the halter.'

'Be easy on that score,' said the feminine voice, 'it may carry you there yet.'

'I wish no taunts, madam; if I go you go too, sure as—' The word need not be written here, but at that moment I felt as if the place signified was very near. My blood curdled.—Was I living day by day next door to a murderer—to a brace of murderers? Suppose they should take a fancy to hold some of their neighbors till *their* breath was gone? The voice of the woman was wondrous sweet—that of the man harsh and unmusical; both were low.—There seemed to come after that, penitence, a soft whispering of words, and then, for a moment, there was silence.

'Pshaw!' I said to myself, 'I have surely been dreaming. The excitement of finding a panel in my room, like those in the old stories, has bewitched my brain. This will do for a romance. I will get up and take notes. Hist!' There it was again, the same murmurous sound.

'Will you not give me the ring now, Letsdale—the one. I mean, with the three garnets and the small diamond in the centre? There are more rings like that in the world, besides, he bought it for me.'

'Perdition! Why do you keep talking of him? Don't you know walls have ears? Woman, hold your tongue!'

'Nonsense, I do not fear; fear is not in my composition. I looked round after it was done, mercy, I never saw such a face; it was more frightful than his. I, on the contrary, smiled because it was over.'

'Great Heaven! is this to be my punishment? What in the name of the Deity has set your thoughts running that way to-night, of all nights?'

'Because, perhaps, it is just three months this hour since you held him under water.'

'Perdition! I should forget it if you would let me.'

'But I won't, till I have the ring and certainly one half of the five thousand. If, as you say, I shared in the work, I ought surely to share in the profits. That ring cost three hundred dollars, and I want it before we go.'

'A foolish vanity, woman; let us sell it.—Three hundred dollars would pay our passage to Europe, and there's so much clear gain. Absurd! to wear three hundred dollars on your finger.'

'Absurd, to risk your life for a pitiful sum like that. I tell you that I have set my heart upon having that ring, and I *will* have it.—They told me of your miserly habits. 'Miserly!' said I, 'wait till he gets me; I think his disposition will change very soon.''

'Change! you wou'd make the devil blacker,' growled the other, fiercely. 'If I had the courage to finish him—remember—'

'That you have the means to despatch me.—Don't think I shall accept the invitation if you ask *me* to a moonlight boat-ride—and there is no other means quite so secret. Will you give me the ring?'

'Woman, will you be quiet? Don't you know the whole name is on there, Eugene Mayfield? Would you ruin yourself?'

'Why, no. I think it would be safer on my finger, than in the hands of a Jew-pedler, who might possibly know how to read. Eugene *A.* Mayfield, you mean—don't you know A. stood for Augustus? Come now, be magnanimous, say that you will give it me, and half of the five thousand beside. I promise you, if you will do this, never to mention the circumstance to you again, or to speak even his name. But remember I shall be satisfied with nothing less.'

'Will not the ring satisfy you?'

'No; not alone.'

'The ring, say then, and one thousand?'

'No; nothing less than the ring and two thousand five hundred. I am not going to Europe like a beggar.'

'But I have already given you a splendid wardrobe.'

'It will be out of fashion there.'

'Wait till to-morrow—I will decide it then.'

'You are cunning. What if you took it into your head to run off with the whole?'

'Bah, do you think I would go without you, most peerless of women?'

'Bah, back again. I think I understand a sneer. I ought to by this time,' was the reply.

'Give me an hour to sleep on it then.'

'No, not a moment. I want the key of the green desk immediately. I am going now to strike a light.'

Then followed a bustle, a springing to the floor, a moving cautiously with hands, and then a sound as if a friction match had been rubbed. It seemed as if the very smell of brimstone floated towards me.

It took me some time to realize what had actually transpired. I had been so horror-struck, so at times almost furious at their cool, deliberate villany, and their heartless comments, that I longed to give a smart blow on the panel, as an evidence that I heard them. But prudence prevented me. I sat in bed, bolt upright, thinking. The papers I had torn from the crevice that I might listen more readily strewed the pillow in confusion. I was very cold, exposed constantly to that icy current of air, but I did not heed that. I had no doubt that a real murder had been committed, and after a long deliberation with myself, I got up softly, mended the fire, and sitting at my table, wrote off what was indelibly stamped upon my memory.

It was now the eighth of January; therefore, on the eighth of November, exactly three months ago, a man by the name of Eugene A. Mayfield was in some manner exposed to death by drowning, and held under water by the man who was my next door neighbor, till life was gone. I wrote the particulars about the ring and the money, and then marked out my course. Hearing nothing more, I went the next morning to my cousin, an eminent lawyer, and laid the case before him. To my surprise, he had known Mayfield, and was under the impression that he had gone some time ago to England.—Once, he said, he had transacted a little business for him, and he remembered his appearance perfectly. He thought it was right for me to attend to the matter, and advised me to communicate immediately with officer Welsh, a competent detective, who would not fail to ferret out the mystery. 'By all means,' he said, 'see to it as quickly as possible, for there is no knowing how soon they may start, and that will make more trouble.'

At the breakfast table next morning, it was the unanimous opinion of the company that I looked a little 'stewed.' Miss Crout, a sour-visaged single lady, smiled sideway into her tea, as she remarked that 'perhaps I hadn't slept well.'

'Ah, he was out too late,' cried Major Jolly, whose two bluff daughters tried hard to blush. 'These girls, these girls! Mr. Morrison, they play the dickens with the young men's hearts.'

'I'll defend him;' it was my pleasant-facad landlady who came to my assistance—'to my certain knowledge he was not out of the house last night.'

'And how with that pretty daughter of yours?' asked the major, slyly.

'For shame!' said little Abby—she *is* a sweet girl—blushing crimson (she had no paint to blush through), while her mother deigned not to speak.

I am not vain, but I think Abby would have married me in a moment at that time, and perhaps the neat widow would have given heart and hand to the major; *perhaps* I said. I bore all their bantering with the air of a man who has heavier business on his hands than attending to jokes.

'What time do your—do the folks up-stairs take breakfast?' I asked of my landlady, Mrs. Upshur.

'La! you're as solemn as an owl. Mr. Wells—excuse me; they don't breakfast till half-past nine. Mary is making their coffee now.'

'And does he—does the gentleman go out before breakfast?'

'La! mercy, no; he's too well off I guess to work for a living, though to be sure he's gone all day. But what makes you so particular?'

'I have my reasons—I mean curiosity prompted me to inquire. Never mind, Mrs. Upshur. By the way, where is Miss Abby? Will she hem a couple of handkerchiefs for me, do you think?'

'Certainly, with pleasure. Doesn't she hem beautifully?'

'Indeed she does; she's a most remarkable girl, Mrs. Upshur.'

Having thus diverted the widow's mind from my mysterious neighbors, I went up into my room and made a signal at the window. Thereupon a man wrapped up to the chin, the vizor of his bearskin cap almost touching his immense, upturned collar, came into my boarding-house, and was soon closeted with me. I showed him the aperture, which had not been closed, and which I took good care to keep from discovery.

'They are stirring,' said Welsh, in a faint whisper.

I trembled from head to foot, but he was as calm and collected as if he had been going to take breakfast instead of a brace of murderers.

'I'll give them time to dress and sit down to breakfast,' said Welsh. 'The sheriff will be here immediately, and we three will surprise them at the table; there is nothing like taking a man off his guard, especially if there is anything cowardly about him.'

Very soon I had another visitor—two, I should say. The sheriff brought his brother along.—The decisive moment came. We saw Mary the servant take the coffee in their room, and come out again. She started at the question:

'My good girl, do they sit with their backs or their faces to the door?'

The question had to be repeated.

'Their backs are this way,' she replied, gave us one earnest look, and then rushed down the stairs.

The door was opened slowly and noiselessly, and almost before they had turned their heads they were arrested for the murder of Eugene A. Mayfield on the eighth of November.

'My God! how did they know?'

Her question condemned her. Her white cheeks, and large, hollow eyes almost starting from their sockets, condemned her. The man was as ghastly pale as she—his pale lips blundered out:

'I deny it! It is false!'

The woman—I pitied her. I do not know but what my sympathy was strongly enlisted because she was so supremely beautiful. I think in all my travels I never saw a lovelier face. I could not bring myself to realize that this was she who had talked so calmly, so resolutely of a foul deed. Her aspect of extreme terror haunted me long after. She could not command either her features or her limbs, but almost grovelled on her seat. They were driven to jail.

Three months after this, the man, on the woman's confession, was condemned to death. A coward at the last, she doomed her companion in guilt to the hangman's rope. It seemed that in substance the story was as follows:

Julia Weeks was married to Mayfield, an Englishman, with no connexions in this country. They were to travel soon, when by some chance, Letsdale became acquainted with Julia, and a guilty passion, which they wickedly called love, sprang up between them. Mayfield had money; Letsdale had none. Little by little the guilty pair lost all shame, and finally they plotted the death of the unsuspecting and good-hearted Mayfield. They planned to go a journey together. They crossed a river, and when they had arrived at the place where the current ran with furious swiftness to the sea, Letsdale knocked his friend overboard, and then, like a fiend as he was, to prevent him from saving himself, he held him under water till he was dead. The solemn heavens alone knew where that poor drenched body was carried. It was probably never found.

Letsdale was hung. The guilty woman escaped death, but not imprisonment. I visited her once in her cell. Her face was changed; it was demoniac. She cursed me with terrible maledictions.

I still retain my chamber at the old boarding-house. The panel is permanently replaced, and a pretty woman hemming a very fine ruffle, occupied my twin arm-chair. She is my wife, and her first name is Abby.

## The Timely Witness.

At the close of a cold winter's day in the year 1814, during the court term at Clerkenwell Assizes, England, there came up by the evening mail stage an ordinary looking person, who halted at a small tavern in the town of B——, where trials were being heard, and who informed the landlord that he should proceed on the following day, if the weather was not too bad.

He booked himself as 'Henry Edgeford, of Leeds,' his baggage was duly bestowed, and nothing out of the common appearance indicated itself in his manner or habits. He spoke pleasantly, mixed with the coming and established guests of the house, and as the weather seemed gloomy and forbidding in the morning (a circumstance that might easily have been foretold on the evening he arrived, by the way), he decided to remain over another day.

Among the cases which had been presented by the grand jury of the borough at the present sitting of the court, was one for highway robbery, charged upon a man who answered to the name of Burrows, and whose trial had commenced on the day of Edgeford's arrival.

Time appeared to hang heavily upon the new comer's hand, and he seemed to be anxious to proceed on his journey, but the weather would not permit, and he found himself reluctantly compelled to tarry at B——. His landlord, desirous to amuse him, and retain his visitor as long as possible, informed him that the town or vicinity, offered but poor encouragement ordinarily for the amusement of strangers, and especially to those who were bred in and accustomed to city life; but just at the time the court was in session, and among the presentations was the case of one John Burrows, who was being tried for an alleged robbery on the highway, the details of which would no doubt interest him for the moment. But the stranger had no taste for the marvellous, and didn't care to attend court.

The subject was freely discussed at the table, however, both at breakfast and lunch hours, and Edgeford was induced at last to go to the court-house, to listen to the closing evidence upon the capital trial which had so deeply interested every one else in the neighborhood, and which was really a cause of importance and note.

In the meantime letters reached the hotel for 'Henry Edgeford, Esq., of Leeds,' forwarded duly by the post from London; and Mr. E. had spoken of one or two of his correspondents, casually, who had been recognized by other gentlemen, also tarrying at the public house where he was temporarily sojourning. He had a heavy letter of credit from his friend, as he called him, Hon. Thomas Baring, and everything about the deportment and carriage of Mr. Henry Edgeford denoted him the accomplished gentleman.

The case of Burrows, who was charged with the high crime mentioned was in this as set forth in the allegation.

On the night of June 16th, 1814, the Hon. Jonas Petit, M. P., was on his way home in his pond chaise, when his animal was suddenly seized by a man who sprang from the hedgerow, near the crossing of the Charing and Barrington roads, who presented a pistol against the person of the honorable M. P., and demanded his money or his life. It was near the setting of the moon, and the only clue to the identity of the supposed robber was a small gash on the back of his hand, which the honorable gentleman observed at the time the pistol was drawn upon him.

He had only four guineas about him at that moment, and a single ten pound note upon the Bank of England. The latter was not discovered by the robber, but the four gold coins were given up. Immediately an alarm was given by the honorable gentleman, scouts and policemen were sent out, and three days after Burrows was captured in a neighboring town, and confined on suspicion. No gold was found on him.

The honorable gentleman felt very positive about his identity, however, from his dress, size and the scarred hand; and as the testimony of a M. P. is a matter of no mean weight against a poor devil who may chance to be out late in the evening in the capacity, happily, of an amateur poacher, or otherwise, so Burrows—who might or might not be innocent—was handed over for examination, and subsequently was put upon trial for his life, as the supposed robber of the honorable Jonas Petit, member of Parliament, aforesaid, &c., &c.

In defence, Burrows simply asserted that he was a laborer, without any special profession.—It was his lot to be anywhere and everywhere, from time to time. He had formerly been out at service, and on the present occasion (so he declared) he was on his way in search of a new place, having traveled from Brighton on the day he was falsely arrested, and never having been, to his knowledge, in the vicinity of the crossing of the Charing and Barrington roads in his life. This defence was of no account, of course, when the solemn asservation of an honorable member of Parliament stood against it, and moreover, when such honorable gentleman was so certain of the scarred hand, &c.

The evidence had been duly submitted, however, and upon the afternoon of the second day of the trial, as we have stated, Mr. Henry Edgeford was prevailed upon to visit the court-house. The honorable accuser had testified to the best of his knowledge and belief that Burrows was the man who robbed him; all the connecting circumstances had been set forth by the prosecuting attorney, who exhibited the customary zeal of a government officer where the rich and influential are put in opposition to the humble and powerless, and the prisoner was finally supposed to be in a most critical position.

'Upon my word,' said Mr. Edgeford, suddenly turning to the gentleman who had accompanied him from the hotel to the trial, 'upon my word I have seen that prisoner somewhere before this.' And raising his eye-glass, for a closer inspection of his person and features, he declared that he was sure he had met the fellow within a few months—of this he was positive.

The prisoner gazed upon the stranger an instant, as if he partially recognized him—when the chief judge rose to charge the jury.

He entertained no doubt, he said, after listening to the pointed and conclusive evidence which had been presented to the court. Then turning to the prisoner, he asked if he had any defence to offer—when Burrows arose calmly, and in a clear voice replied:

'My Lords—I am a poor stranger in this place, without a friend to turn to for aid in my emergency; but I am innocent of the high crime you have charged against me. At the time this alleged robbery was committed I was far distant from the place where the robbery was effected, and I never was in that locality at all in my life. I am totally ignorant of your rules of law, and may not be permitted now, perhaps, to present evidence that may affect my unfortunate case favorably. Nevertheless, I see among the spectators present one person who, providentially, may save me. I do not know his name, but I beg that the gentleman who sits on my right yonder (pointing to Henry Edgeford) may be placed upon the witness-stand and sworn.'

All eyes were now turned upon the traveler, who, at the request of the court, entered the witness-box, when the prisoner thus interrogated him:

'Have you ever before seen me to your knowledge?'

'I am quite sure I have.'

'Will you give the court your name and business?'

'My name is Henry Edgeford, of Leeds, and I am a manufacturer of cutlery.'

'Will you state when and where you met me, and under what circumstances?'

'I was traveling about the middle of June last from Dover to Aldoboro', and upon arriving at the latter place I saw you waiting at the lower stage house. Being encumbered with luggage, I engaged you to carry my box to the hotel, afterwards to other lodgings, and I clearly remember your person and features.'

'At what time was this?'

'About the middle of June.'

'Can you state the precise date of your arrival there?'

'No. I think it was on the 15th or 16th of the month.' Then turning to the court, the witness added: 'I am not clear, your honors, as to the exact day, but if your honors will allow me to send to my hotel, where I am temporarily stopping here, I can obtain my memorandum book, which will assist me, your honors permitting it.'

Leave was given at once, and in a few minutes a small trunk was brought into court from the stranger's room at the little hotel. Upon opening the box the diary was found, and the witness turned to the 16th of June, under which date the following item occurred:

'Mem—Paid porter for carrying luggage to lodging in Aldoboro', half a crown. Arrived at 2 1-2, P. M.'

The judge now asked again, 'And do you state that this prisoner was the identical person who did this service for you, Mr. Edgeford, at that time?'

'I am perfectly clear, your honors, in this belief.'

Here was a singular statement, that staggered the court, the jury and the populace—and by no means least, the honorable member of Parliament who had been robbed on the highway! If this statement was correct, Aldoboro', being near a hundred leagues distant from Barrington road—surely Burrows could not have been in both places on the same night, to wit, the 16th of June, 1814.

'I paid him a half crown piece, your honors, which had a remarkably large hole in it; and I remember a remark that he made at the time—that it had been sadly Jew'd; alluding to its lightness from this cause.'

Mr. Edgeford sat down, and the prisoner then asked that the officer who arrested him might be called for a moment, who was subsequently required to produce the contents of the prisoner's pockets, found on him when taken. Among the small amount of silver thus secured, was a mutilated half crown piece, which was shown to Mr. Edgeford, who instantly declared it to be the one paid to the porter, to the best of his belief!

This settled the verdict at once. The crowd applauded, the judge sat down in amazement, the cause went to the jury, the result was an unqualified acquittal on their part, without leaving the box.

That same evening 'Henry Edgeford, Esq.,' and John Burrows left the town of B—— together. They were two confederates in crime, both being accomplished 'gentlemen of the road.' Burrows was the robber of the Hon. M. P.; he was really guilty; but his friend and companion in evil assumed the disguise of a gentleman traveler, and being aware of all the circumstances of the case from the beginning, found no difficulty in coining a story adapted to the moment and the imminent emergency of his associate. His letters were forgeries, his bills of credit the same; he learned what coins were found upon Burrows when he was arrested, and his determination to clear him was entirely successful. There was no time or opportunity for rebutting the testimony of Edgeford—his whole plan was a perfect coup de grace, and to his confederate in crime he proved eminently, on that occasion, a timely witness.

FEMALE VIRTUE AND GAMBLING.—As a proof of the intensely demoralizing effect of card-playing, we give the following extract. Our readers may think us too sweeping in our condemnation of what many consider merely an innocent amusement, which so long as they play for "love"—which is, we believe, the technical term—is no doubt harmless; but at the best a frivolous, uninteflectual method of fritting away the time.—Either music or dancing are surely infinitely preferable, especially for young, people and when persons are too old to dance themselves, we cannot conceive any greater pleasure than watching the enjoyment of the young:

"The latest from a German bath tells us how a gentleman—*un jeune etourdi beau garcon*—a dashing player, dropped his bank notes; not in the rapid signification, but in the veritable one. They were to the amount of 10,000 francs. A lady at his side was troubled with a severe cough for a moment, and received the condolence of all present, who of course saw in her all the sorrows of a Violetta, freed from her sins. The cough caused her to stoop beside the table, and shortly afterwards, with a hectic flush that awoke double commiseration, to retire from the table. There are disciples of Voltaire still in existence. One of them, his counterpart in sharp physiognomy and cynic smile, but looking a trifle more like the man of elevated society, touched *beau garcon* on the shoulder—"You have lost some bank notes." A moment's examination of the little banking heap at his side and there is an "*En effet, monsieur, vous avez raison.*" "They are in that lady's pocket who has just left the table," said the old gentleman with the true Voltaire malicious smile. "Oh, impossible sir." "Have her searched:" quietly observed the old man. "Impossible! I dare not." "But I dare even more than youth will, then for the good of society." A nimble step brings him to the side of the lady. A sort of half-polite, half-cavalier tone is assumed. For a moment the lady denies; but seeing the stern look of the old man and the inquiring glance of the young one, now at her side, she dips into her pocket. She would see. Oh, yes' she found them, and was just upon the point of giving them to the proprietor of the *salon* to have them advertised! Then, with a recovery of self-possession, she exclaimed, with the grace of the *demi-monde*, "will monsieur not reward me for my trouble?"

A LUCKY THOUGHT.—At the time of the last great earthquake at Callao, an American brig in the harbor was to use the sea term "hove down," or careened on the side for the purpose of being repaired. Among other tools which had been borrowed from the United States sloop-of-war Vincennes, then at anchor, there was a hammer; which, just before the shock, was by accident lost overboard. The captain of the brig, who was then leaning over the quarter, where he was unperceived by the sailors, overheard the following conversation between them respecting the loss of the hammer:

"Bloody nouns and pronouns! There goes the United States hammer overboard,"

"Well what do I care?" said Jack," I didn't loose it overboard."

"Nor didn't I," muttered the first knight of the marlinspike.

In the midst of the dispute the sea was seen to retire, while the inhabitants of the deep, stunned with the unusual turmoil of the water, rose by myriads to the surface. On shore, the spire of the church within the castle of Callao tottered and fell, and thick volumes of dust rose over the city and its suburbs.

"Hallo, Jack," cried one of the sailors, "what do you call that when its boiled?"

"Why, man, it's an earthquake. See what a dust it has kicked up."

"Lor me! thats a good one," replied he, "we'll tell the skip that the earthquake shook the hammer overboard!"

EXTRAORDINARY COMPROMISE.—At the last Durham assizes, a very deaf old lady, who had brought an action for damages against a neighbor, was being examined, when the judge suggested a compromise, and instructed counsel to ask her what she would take to settle matters.

"What will you take?" asked the gentleman in the bob-tailed wig of the old lady.

The old lady merely shook her head.

"His lordship wants to know what you will take?" asked the counsel again, this time bawling as loud as he could in the old lady's ear.

"I thank his lordship kindly," the ancient dame answered stoutly; "and if it is no inconvenience to him, I'll take a little warm ale."—*Bell's Life in London.*

TRUE COURAGE.—Have the courage to show your respect for honesty, in whatever guise it appears; and your contempt for dishonesty and duplicity, by whomsoever exhibited.

A FRENCH BULL.—In an address to a French electoral community, the candidate stated that he had shed *all* his blood for his country, and was ready to shed it again!

☞ Pity often expresses itself in words—often relieves itself by a look. Charity asserts itself in gifts. A man may be full of pity, and extremely empty-handed.

# The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, - - - - - - Editor

SAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1858.


## Proposals

Will be received, until December 7th, at the office of Henry A. Cobb, No. 102 Montgomery street, for the setting of a Stone, Brick and Iron Fence or Railing around the Fireman's Plot in Lone Mountain Cemetery. Plans and specifications to be seen as above. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
G. H. HOSSEFROSS,
JNO. C. LANE.
Trustees Cemetery S. F. F. D.

## Acknowledgment.

The undersigned acknowledges the receipt of ONE HUNDRED and FORTY DOLLARS, from the Butchers Association, by the hands of Mr. O'Brien Treasurer, and James Matthews, Secretary, in aid of the Fireman's Cemetery Fund,

HENRY A. COBB,
Ch'm Trustees Fireman's Cemetery.

The Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Department at their called meeting on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th, covered themselves with imperishable fame, but of a kind, we would not like to participate in. Notwithstanding a majority of them are "upholders" of the law under any circumstances, on this occasion they violated all law and order and set precedent at defiance An election has been ordered to be held on Monday next, for a Chief Engineer by this Board of Delegates, and, although the name of the Fire Department is becoming offensive to the people, by reason of the bickerings and quarreling of its members, we deem it but due to the cause we advocate, to history and to the public at large, to give an outline of the subject in dispute and which has so often been brought to their notice. We know an apology is due, for trespassing upon their time and patience, but our position as a faithful journalist demands thus much from us.

Franklin E. R. Whitney was elected to the Chief Engineership of the San Francisco Fire Department in December 1856, having been elected by a majority of *sixty-eight* votes over all the candidates running and *ninety-five* votes over Mr. Nuttman. The year previous, Mr. Nuttman beat Mr. Whitney by twenty-two votes, but there was no contest. Mr. Whitney was sworn into office on the 13th of December, 1856, and entered upon the performance of his duties on the Monday following, the (15th.)

At an adjourned stated meeting of the Board of Delegates, held on the evening of January 24th, 1857, the Judiciary Committee submitted the Act, which was passed by the Legislature of that year, re-organizing the Fire Department of San Francisco. The second section of this Act, elongated the term for which a Chief Engineer should be elected from one to three years. It was a measure we favored and do so still, but it was one bitterly opposed in the Board of Delegates, at the time of its passage, and during the preliminary discussion regarding it, by the friends of Mr. Whitney. On the other hand, Mr. Franklin L. Jones, as the leader of the friends of Mr. Nuttman, supported the three year term, and who were successful in their advocacy. At the meeting alluded to, the Act was finally passed, the delegates from Howard No. 3, Mr. Whitney's company voting against it.

A Committee was then appointed to proceed to Sacramento with the bill and secure its passage, and Messrs. F. L Jones, Charles S. Biden, and Charles E. Buckingham, (all friends of Mr. Nuttman,) were appointed on the committee, and the Board of Delegates passed a resolution to defray their expenses. At the same meeting of the Board (January 24th) a resolution was introduced by Mr. Buckingham and adopted, that Chief Engineer Whitney be invited to co-operate with the committee, appointed to go to Sacramento.. Mr. Whitney accompanied the committee to Sacramento, remained there very near y a month, paying his own expenses, amounting to more than four hundred dollars, and succeeded in securing the passage of the act as above stated, and obtaining the approval of Governor Johnson to it, on the 25th of March, 1857. Mr. Whitney and the committee, although acting together and harmoniously in procuring the object of their mission, had opposite views to carry out. Mr. Whitney was acting in all sincerity for the Fire Department at large, while the committee were simply working for a centralization of power into their own hands by the elevation of Mr. Nuttman to the Chief Engineership at the election to be held on the 7th, December. 1857.

The public will recollect the excitement in the ranks of the firemen, relative to the Act in question, in consequence of an alleged interference with its provisions by Hon, W. J. Shaw, Senator from this County.

The Board of Delegates held a special meeting on Friday evening, March 13th, 1857, passed resolutions endorsing the Act, as passed January 24th and called a mass meeting of the firemen, at Duncan's Sales Room, Montgomery Block, on the following Saturday evening. Mr. Nuttman was elected President of the meeting, and the acts of the committee were sustaintd. After all this excitement and the bill having been returned to the Board and accepted, wire pulling and log-rolling for the next election for Chief, by the friends of both parties, immediately commenced. Mr. Nuttman and Mr. Whitney were the candidates, and the excitement growing out of the canvas was increased by the difficulties in selecting officers for the Board of Delegates. The day of election came (Dec. 7th. 1857,) and great bitterness was evinced on both sides and no stone left unturned to influence a vote. The polls closed, the votes were canvassed, and it was found that Mr. Whitney had five votes more than Mr. Nuttman, and the Sacramento committee had been beaten at their own game. What transpired on the night of election, it is useless for us to allude to now. Large amounts of money had been bet on the election and there was great disappointment. The returns of the election were made up on that night, and were signed by F. L. Jones, John Short, Sr., and P. W. Van Winkle, Judges, and D. W. Crane, J. T. Middlemiss, and W. O. Farnsworth, clerks; and were sealed up, and handed over to Mr. Jacob Ezekiel, the Secretary of the Fire Department. The Board of Delegates met on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th, 1857, the returns opened and read, and a declaration of the result (which by law must be made within ten days after the election is held) protested against by Franklin L. Jones, one of the Judges, who certified to the correctness of the returns, on the part of Mr. Nuttman, on the ground that fraudulent votes had been cast for Mr. Whitney, and that the Secretary of the Department had been guilty of malfeasance in office. An investigation of the matter in dispute was had, and night after night, sessions of the Board of Delegates were held, witnesses examined and arguments made by counsel for the contestants; and although it became evident that one or two illegal votes had been cast at the last election, there was not the slightest evidence to show that they were cast in favor of Mr. Whitney any more than they were for Mr. Nuttman. Hon. J. W. Coffroth appeared for Mr. Nuttman, and Hon. Joseph G. Baldwin, (lately elected to the Supreme Bench of the State, and as able a jurist as there is within its borders,) appeared for Mr. Whitney together with Messrs. Harman and Labatt. Upon presenting the case to the Board of Delegates, who had been sitting as jurors, Mr. Biden offered a resolution to the effect, that as grave doubts existed as to the legality of the election of Dec 7, that the returns be set aside. This resolution was lost on a tie vote, 17 in favor and 17 against; as all questions, under the laws of the Department are lost on a tie vote. Repeated attempts were made to have the result of the election declared and to issue Mr. Whitney his certificate; all of which were lost. An order from Judge Hagar, upon the Board of Delegates, made 24th February, peremptorily ordered that body to declare F. E R Whitney Chief Engineer, and issue him his certificate. By some very queer legerdemain on the part of the Judge, or as some lawyers term it, want of knowledge as to the extent of his power, (on the 22d May) the peremptory order was so modified as to render it nugatory. The original order was granted during a term of court, and the alteration in it made during a vacation of his court. which Judge Hager had no right or authority to do. This action of Judge Hagar prevented a settlement of the question.

The difficulties which ensued with Chief Engineer Whitney and Nos. 1 and 5, the action of the Board of Supervisors, and the decisions of Judge Norton as to the authority of the Board to disband fire companies, and the right of Mr. Whitney to the office of Chief Engineer, are all fresh in the recollection of the people, and therefore it would be a waste of time to speak of them now. There is one remarkable fact however connected with the Board of Delegates which was in existence during the pending of the contest, and to which we call the attention of business men and particularly those who sometimes sit as Jurors, that the members of the Board of which we speak, sat as jurors in the Nuttman case, and yet strange to say that from November 1857 to July 1858, there were no less than twenty-four changes in a jury box composed of thirty-four members; and during the heat of the contest, when a juror went according to his oath and conscience he was withdrawn *instanter* and some one less scrupulous put in his place.

Since the decision of Judge Norton, comparative quiet has reigned in the department; but it is proper to remark here, that during the contest between Mr. Nuttman and Mr. Whitney, a number of the friends of the former, without consultation with the Board of Delegates or the members of the Department, proceeded to Sacramento during the session of the Legislature of 1857 and 1858, and by false representations, procured the passage of an act, which Governor Weller did not choose to inquire into the merits of before giving it his signature and which gave the Board a *quasi* power to call an election to fill a vacancy when one occurred.

In October last delegates were elected from the various companies, to compose the new Board.—Members, friends of Mr. Whitney, not supposing the growing harmony of the department would be disturbed, pledged their votes to certain men for delegates, who by smooth tongued promises thereby secured their election as such delegates. When the Board assembled in November it was found there were 19 votes opposed to Mr. Whitney and 15 in his favor. Two of the latter votes were unjustly, illegally and outrageously thrown out by the Board for political purposes, although the parties thus deprived of their votes held their credentials signed by the proper officers and in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the department. Officers of the Board were elected at the regular meeting in November, and had not the votes alluded to been stolen from the parties to whom they belonged, every man nominated in caucus for the several offices would have been defeated. As it was the most important office in the gift of the opposition was taken away from them, namely that of Secretary, the salary being fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and the other offices being honorary.

A special meeting of the Board of Delegates was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24th, called by Mr. Biden, at the request of five members of the Board, the avowed purpose being to declare the result of the election for Chief Engineer, held Dec. 7th, 1857; although the law is clear that the result of an election must be declared within ten days after it is held, and the election of 1857, had occurred more than eleven months previous. The meeting was held, there being, at the time the action was taken, the entire anti-Whitney vote present, and but nine of the friends of Mr. Whitney present. A preamble and resolution was offered by Franklin L. Jones, the representative of Pennsylvania Fire Co. No. 12, to the effect that the Board of Delegates shall declare the result of all elections; that in the case of the election of 1857, this Board failed to perform its duty; that the evidence in the case of Nuttman *vs.* Whitney, shows that no person was elected to the office of Chief Engineer, and that the election held in 1857, be declared null and void.

That portion of the preamble alluding to the neglect of the old Board of Delegates to perform its duty, is correct. That portion setting forth that the evidence showed there was no election, is false. There was no evidence introduced before the Board, touching the case whatever. On the contrary, when Mr. Jones introduced the preamble and resolution spoken of, which he read himself, the last word had scarcely passed from his lips, when he moved the previous question, to prevent all discussion in regard to the matter, and to prevent the evidence taken before the old Board, from being read before the new Board; the following members of which were not members of the old Board, when the contest came up, viz.:—A. P. Fields, of No. 2, E. B. Tompkins, of No. 4, J. B. Shaffer and M. G. Searing, of No. 5, Wm. H. Silverthorn, of No. 6, Charles Field and C. W. Freeman, of No. 7, D. C. McClelland, of No. 9, G. W. Gibbs, of H. and L. 1, and J. A. Sperry, of H. and L. 3; and Mr. Freeman, of No. 7, was not even a member of the Department during the whole of the troubles alluded to, and only joined the Department a few weeks prior to his election as delegate.

The friends of Mr. Whitney were treated with every discourtesy and unfairness by the President of the Board, and were not even allowed the opportunity to explain their position or procure the slightest information. The gag law was effectually introduced successfully by Mr. Jones, the representative of No. 12; and countenanced by the President; although we must do both parties the justice to say that they *faltered* when they moved and recognized the previous question.

A new election was ordered to be held on Monday next and judges were elected to conduct it, all "Nuttman" men, there not being sufficient courtesy in the Board, to give the friends of Mr. Whitney, one of the number, a thing unprecedented in the annals of the department. All of those judges have appointed all Anti-Whitney clerks, and although applied to, have refused to allow the friends of Mr. Whitney one out of the number. In the Board of Delegates, when the new election was ordered, the conduct evinced towards the friends of Mr. Whitney was disgraceful in the extreme, and disgusted even those most active on the other side. When members of the new Board, not members of the old, rose to explain their votes and state why, under oath, they protested against the action of the Board, they were insulted in every way; and when by permission of the Chair they, left the room, the most blackguard and obscene remarks were made in regard to them.

Notwithstanding the protest of Mr. Whitney against the election to be held on Monday next, and his refusal to acknowledge it, by becoming a candidate, his friends, at a meeting held on Tuesday evening, resolved to give him their votes and support; believing him entitled to that respect from them; and for the reasons set forth in the preamble and resolutions adopted by them, as published in another column. They believe him to be entitled to the office which he now holds until the expiration of his term in 1860. They believe him to have been fairly and honorably elected.—They know him to be an efficient officer, and every way competent for the position he holds.—They know that the people have full confidence in him, and that he receives and maintains their respect. They are confident the affairs of the Department could not be in better hands, or its internal arrangements conducted on a more economical plan, than they have been since he has been Chief Engineer of the organization. In supporting him on Monday next, they are but supporting a principle, and not a man. They ignore all such doctrine, and avow their motto to be "principles, before men." They are proud of Mr. Whitney as their Chief, as a man, and as a friend. He has proven himself to be worthy of their confidence, of that of the people, and of the entire Department. They believe they will secure for him a majority on Monday, which will beyond a doubt settle the vexed question which has so long and so unnecessarily disturbed the Department; and they believe there is convervatism sufficient in the Department to unite with them in bringing about such a result.

A word for ourselves, and we are done. We have been charged with being a disorganizer, and endeavoring to sow the seeds of dissension in the Department. That charge we characterise as a *lie*. We are the accredited authority of those who signed the card in another column, who are the representatives of at least one-half of this Department; and if we are a disorganizer, then that half of the Department are with us. In our first article in this paper, we stated that we would not take part between men, in the Department politics, unless we saw its prosperity threatened. In the manner in which Mr. Whitney has been treated, and the opposition which has been made against him, we saw the well-being of the organization endangered. True to our promise we came to the rescue, and have done battle for him, honestly and conscientiously, and shall continue to do so, until he has his rights. We have no regret for what we have done, but look upon it as an honor.—Those who do not approve our course, may express themselves as they please; those who do, have our thanks.

## Death of B. F. Moulton.

On Saturday night last, a difficulty occurred on Washington street, between Benjamin F. Moulton, and Joseph W. Brewer, which resulted in the former being shot by the latter; from the effects of which he died on Thursday morning, at six o'clock. From the time of Moulton's being shot, Dr. A. F. Sawyer considered his case hopeless, but every attention that could be shown him, and all that human skill and ingenuity could bring to bear, was enlisted in the hope that his life might be preserved. But the unerring judgment of his surgeon was confirmed, and without the expression of a word, he yielded up his life to the God who gave it,

The funeral of Mr. Moulton, took place on yesterday, from the House of Knickerbocker No. 5, of which he was a member, and was largely attended. The Marion Rifles, Captain Rigg, of which company Mr. Moulton was a pioneer, acted as escort, headed by four pioneers, a vacancy being left in the centre which was the place formerly occupied by the deceased. The Rifles to the number of twenty-seven accompanied by martial music, followed with arms reversed. Then came the hearse, appropriately plumed and drawn by four horses containing the body of the deceased, the coffin surmounted with the uniforms of the respective companies to which he was attached. There were pall-bearers from Engine Companies 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 14, and following, came the members of Knickerbocker engine company, to the number of sixty-six men, headed by their officers; and then came representations from No's 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14, headed by Assistant Engineers Van Orden and Robie. A large concourse of friends followed in carriages and buggies. The procession passed through Montgomery street to Washington—to Stockton—to Pacific—to Lone Mountain Cemetery, where military honors were paid the deceased. The services at the house and at the grave, were performed by Rev. J. T. Peck. All that was earthly of Moulton has passed away, and he sleeps the sleep that knows no waking. We knew him from the time of his arrival in the State, to that of his death, and our intercourse with him was always of the friendliest nature. He had his faults, (and who of us have not) but it would illy become us to speak of them; they were of a nature which only harmed himself. He was warm-hearted and generous, possessed many excellent qualities, and was loved and respected by those who knew him best. Bnt he is gone, and the sod of the grave covers him. May his memory among his friends, be ever green

CONFIDENCE HOSE CO. No. 1.—A communication was received at the last meeting of the Board of Delegates (but not read, as it was a special meeting), from Confidence Hose Co. No. 1, asking for admission into the Fire Department. The application was accompanied by the constitution and by-laws, together with the names of the members, as follows:

J. M. Lenhart, N. Cromer, T. Lafont, Robt. F. Bunker, A. Searle, W. H. Robertson, F. B. Westerman, J. E. Gorham, L. Hart, R. Scott, J. A. Warren, T. O'Malley, C. Fella, J. H. Ryckman, J. C. Ludlow, J. H. Duncan, J. A. Rollins, J. Mason, W. T. Connor, A. Bellemere, J. A. Taggard, A. Dennoe, J. H. Runyan, J. P. Davis.

The above was in our possession last week, but at the request of several members of the company was suppressed, for reasons best known to themselves. Had we have known it was intended for publication elsewhere, we would not have granted the request. It is the last time we will be caught in such a "snap."

IN TOWN.—We have been gratifiedi with a visit this week from Mr. John Loag, an old and respected citizen of Yreka, and to whom we are indebted for many courtesies shown us, while on a visit to the North. Mr. L., is on a tour of business and pleasure, and so far as we have been able to learn will return to Yreka perfectly satisfied.

ANOTHER.—S. S. Gordon was nominated in "caucus," on Thursday evening, for 3d Assistant Engineer; Mr. Free, an old and worthy fireman being thrown overboard.

HOWARD 3.—The apparatus of this company is finished, in their possession, and in service. There will be some fast running, now.

## Application of F. E. R. Whitney.

*To the Hon. Edward Norton, Judge of the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District, City and County of San Francisco.*

Your petitioner, Franklin E R Whitney, of the said City and County, respectfully represents that heretofore, to wit, on the first day of December, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-six, at the annual election at that time duly held in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, your petitioner was duly elected Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of San San Francisco, and was duly declared such by the Board of Delegates of said Fire Department, and duly received his certificate thereof, and entered upon and assumed the duties of said office, and continued, and still continues in said office, under the facts and circumstances hereinafter set forth.

And your petitioner further represents that on the first Monday of December, to wit, on the seventh day of December, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, at the election then duly held under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of this State, entitled "An Act to regulate the Fire Department of the City and County of San Francisco," approved March 25th, 1857, your petitioner was duly elected the Chief Engineer of said Fire Department, for the term of three years, or until his successor is elected and qualified; having received, at said election, the highest number of votes for the said office of Chief Engineer; which election, as your petitioner is informed, advised and verily believes, was, in all things, held and conducted in accordance with, and in pursuance of, the said Statute, and of the orders and proceedings of the Board of Delegates and officers of said Fire Department in that behalf duly made and had.

That afterwards, viz. on the seventh day of December, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and within five days after said election, last above referred to, the returns of said election, duly certified by the proper officers, were forwarded to the Secretary of said Department, and by him were duly transmitted to the Board of Delegates of said Fire Department, which Board convened within ten days thereafter, that is to say, on the ninth day of December, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, at their regular monthly meeting.

That said returns, duly certified by John Short, F. L. Jones, and P. Warren Van Winkle, the judges, and Jos. Middlemiss, D. W. Crane, and W. O. Farnsworth, clerks of said election, were, at said meeting last aforesaid, produced to and before said Board of Delegates, and duly read in open session, by which returns it duly appeared and was shown that your petitioner received, for the said office of Chief Engineer, four hundred votes; that J. E. Nuttman received, for said office, three hundred and ninety-five votes; that W. S. O'Brien received, for said office, fifty-seven votes, and that John C. Lane received, for said office, fifty-two votes; and that your petitioner was, as he is advised and believes, entitled to be declared elected to said office for said term of three years, or until his successor is elected and qualified; but that at said meeting, the said J. E. Nuttman, by a paper writing by him presented and read to said Board of Delegates, claimed that he was elected to said office of Chief Engineer, and contested the election of your petitioner, for reasons and specifications by him set forth in his said paper writing; all of which reasons and specifications were insufficient, invalid and not entitled to be heard by said Board of Delegates; and that after divers proceedings from time to time had in reference to said grounds of contest presented by said Nuttman, and, after hearing the evidence of the parties and the arguments of their counsel, in said Board of Delegates, the said Board of Delegates, on the eighteenth day of January, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, at a meeting then duly held, refused to set aside the said returns of said election, or to throw out or invalidate the same, and refused to and did not sustain the said contest of said J. E Nuttman, and that your petitioner then and there became entitled to be declared elected to said office of Chief Engineer for said term and time aforesaid, and it became and was the duty of said Board of Delegates to so declare in favor of this petitioner; and that said Board failed and neglected, at any time, to declare your petitioner so elected

And your petitioner further represents that he is advised and believes that his right to hold and enjoy the said office of Chief Engineer, and to perform the duties, and receive the salary and emoluments thereof, has not been lost, impaired or affected by the failure or neglect of said Board of Delegates to declare the result of said election, but that your petitioner is now, by virtue of said election, the Chief Engineer of said Fire Department, and entitled to hold said office for the period of three years from the date of said election, and until a successor is duly elected and qualified, according to the statute in such case made and provided

And your petitioner further represents that in the month of November, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, to wit, on the tenth day of November, the term of office of the members of the said Board of Delegates having expired by limitation of law, the said Board was superseded by a new Board, to wit, the present Board of Delegates, the members of which were duly elected and qualified, and who, upon the day and year last aforesaid, duly organized according to the statute in such case made and provided, and entered upon the performance of the duties thereunto appertaining; and that afterwards, to wit, on the twenty-fourth day of November, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, the said present Board of Delegates, wrongfully assuming power, authority and jurisdiction in the matters hereinbefore referred to in reference to the said last named election for said office of Chief Engineer, passed and adopted a certain preamble and resolution, as their decision and determination of the matters and things aforesaid, and particularly in reference to the election of your petitioner; which preamble and resolution are as follows, viz:

"WHEREAS, It is provided in the laws of the San Francisco Fire Department that the Board of Delegates shall declare the result of all Engineers' elections; and

WHEREAS, In the case of the election held December 7th, 1857, this Board has heretofore failed to perform its duty, and to declare the result of the balloting for Chief Engineer; and

WHEREAS, The evidence in the case of J. E. Nuttman *vs.* F. E. R. Whitney, shows that no person was elected to the office of Chief Engineer at the election aforesaid; therefore

*Resolved*, That said election, so far as relates to the office of Chief Engineer, be, and the same is hereby declared null and void."

And your petitioner further represents and avers, that prior to the passing of said resolution and the making of said decision, the said present Board of Delegates, gave neither to your petitioner nor his counsel, any notice whatever of their intended action, nor was any such notice given by any person of the same; and that your petitioner had no opportunity afforded nor granted to him to appear and maintain his rights before said Board; and further, that he is credibly informed and verily believes that said Board entered upon no investigation or examination of the matters aforesaid, and took no testimony and examined no witnesses whatever; and that no person was appointed by said Board to represent your petitioner, and that no part or portion of the testimony or evidence taken before said old Board of Delegates was read, presented or offered before said new Board; and that a large number of the said members of said new Board, at the time of their said decision and determination, had not been members of said old Board, and did not participate in any of the proceedings of said old Board in relation to the matters aforesaid; and that there was not, at the time of said decision and determination aforesaid, any contest in said matter pending before said present Board of Delegates.

And your petitioner further represents that immediately after the said action and decision of said present Board of Delegates, the said Board directed and instructed the President of the said Fire Department to call an election for Chief Engineer, on the same day of the election of Assistant Engineer; and that in pursuance of said direction and instructions, the said President has made, given and published the following notice, viz:

"FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given, that an election for Chief Engineer, for the unexpired term, and for Third Assistant Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department, will be held on Monday, the sixth day of December, 1858; the polls to be held at the house of Manhattan Engine Company, No. 2, and to be kept open from 9 o'clock A M to 5 o'clock P. M., under the supervision of E. B. Tompkins, P. C. Wilkinson and J. B. Shaffer, duly elected for that purpose.

(Signed) CHARLES S. BIDEN,
President S. F. F. D."

And your petitioner further represents that said election, for said Chief Engineer, is about to be held under said order and notice, and at the time and place therein named, although there is no vacancy in said office, nor any unexpired term to be filled, and whilst your petitioner is filling and rightfully possessing the same and entitled thereto for the full term to which he was elected, as hereinbefore set forth.

Wherefore your petitioner alleges that the said present Board of Delegates, in deciding upon and determining the matters aforesaid, and in adopting and passing said preamble and resolution, and in ordering said election of Chief Engineer as aforesaid, has exceeded the jurisdiction of said Board, and has not regularly pursued the authority of said Board; and that said irregularity and excess of jurisdiction on the part of said Board, appears in the following particulars, viz:

I. In assuming the right, jurisdiction and authority to declare the result of the said election for Chief Engineer, held on said 7th day of December, A. D., 1857.

II. In reviewing and passing upon the past action of the previous Board in reference to said election.

III. In founding their decision upon evidence not offered, presented to, read or heard by said present Board.

IV. In declaring that no person was elected to said office of Chief Engineer, at the election last aforesaid.

V. In deciding and declaring that the said election for the office of Chief Engineer was null and void.

VI. In taking the action and proceedings and making the decisions aforesaid *ex parte*, and without any evidence, or notice to your petitioner or his counsel.

VII. In directing and instructing the said President to call said election for Chief Engineer.

And your petitioner further alleges that he is advised, believes and alleges that there is no appeal from the said action, decision and adjudication of said present Board of Delegates, nor any plain, adequate and speedy remedy for your petitioner in the premises, unless your Honor will grant a writ of *certiorari* or review, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided. Wherefore he prays that your Honor may grant the said writ of *certiorari* or review, to be directed to the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department of the City and County of San Francisco, commanding the same to fully certify to the Hon. District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District aforesaid, or to your Honor in vacation, at such time and place as to your Honor shall seem meet, a transcript of the records and proceedings of the said Board of Delegates, containing the said proceedings, preamble, resolutions, orders, and instructions aforesaid, that the same may be reviewed by the said Court, or heard before your Honor in vacation, and also that said writ may require the said Board of Delegates in the meantime to desist from further proceedings in the matter to be reviewed; and that your Honor may make such further or other order, or grant such relief to your petitioner, and on the final hearing make such decision and judgment as is meet and proper in the premises.

F. E. R. WHITNEY,
by HOGE & WILSON,
his attorneys.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1st, 1858.

State of California,
City and County of San Francisco. } *ss.*

Franklin F. R Whitney, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing petition and application, and knows the contents thereof, and that he is the party therein named as petitioner, and the party beneficially interested in the matters therein contained and referred to, and that the said petition is true as to his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated on his information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

F. E. R. WHITNEY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this first day of December, A. D., 1858.

ROYAL H. THAYER,
Notary Public.

The People of the State of California, upon the relation of F. E. R. Whitney.
*vs.*
The Board of Delegates of the Fire Department of the City and County of San Francisco.

On reading and hearing the application and affadavit of the relator F. E. R. Whitney, it is hereby ordered that the said Board of Delegates of the Fire Department of the City and County of San Francisco, show cause before me on Saturday, the fourth day of December, A. D., 1858, at ten o'clock, A. M., of said day, at the court-room of the Twelfth District Court, in the City of San Francisco, why a writ of *certiorari* or review should not allowed as prayed for in the application of said Whitney, and that a copy of this order and of the application and affidavit of said Whitney be served on the President of this Fire Department, on this first day of December, A. D., 1858.

EDWARD NORTON,
Judge Twelfth District.

## The Next Election.

*Editor Fireman's Journal*:—In pursuance of a mandate issued by C. S. Biden, President of the Fire Department, without the slightest authority of law; he has commanded that an election be held on Monday next for a Chief and Third Assistant Engineer. Heretofore, I have taken very little interest in fire department matters, being an exempt, but having supposed that Mr. Whitney was Chief for three years, it rather astounded me, when looking over the morning papers of the 25th, inst., to perceive an election for Chief announced. I began then to feel some little interest in the matter and proceeded to find out by what law the election could be held in 1858, but thus far cannot find the shadow of a law which gives Mr. Biden or any other person the power or authority to call an election for Chief Engineer. The State law, passed in March, 1857, says "That the election of Chief and Assistant Engineers *shall* take place on the first Monday of December 1857." Now if I recollect aright and methinks I do, an election was held in December 1857, the result of which was certified to under oath by the Judges and clerks thereof, that F. E. R. Whitney received the highest number of votes cast for that office. I have never yet heard that either of those gentlemen who acted as judges and clerks, perjured themselves upon that occasion. It is very true, a contest ensued, and what was the result? I'll tell you. A resolution was offered, in which was stated, "that *grave doubts* existing as to the legality of the election, it should be declared null and void." That resolution was by a vote of the Board, lost, thus declaring the election *legal*. I forget who it was that offered the resolution, but he must have been in great doubt himself as to the illegality of the election. Now as regards the power of the Board of Delegates, or a portion of them to declare null and void an electicn, held in strict accordance with the law; the returns made and certified to according to law, is preposterous, and only shows how far their party feeling will carry them, when under oath, they do that which they know is unlawful. The law enacted by the Legislature very plainly and distinctly says, "That the result of the Chief and Assistant Engineer's election shall be declared within ten days thereafter," and it is now nearly twelve months, and when the Board is composed of the right material that they, contrary to all law, declare the election null and void.

Such proceedings in a Legislative body, Mr. Editor is not what they should be, and the sooner the Department gets rid of its law-breakers instead of its law-makers the better.

AN EXEMPT.

## Fires and Alarms.

Nov. 28, 10½ A. M.—Alarm from Tiger 14's bell, afterwards from Hall bell; Seventh District; fire in Cooper's Infirmary, Mission, near Third street; caught in room on first floor, from defective flue, and crept up into the third floor. The Department was prompt. Nos. 14 and 4, first and second water; damage $250.

Dec. 2d, 6½ P. M.—Hall Bell alarm, Second District; light of bon-fire rear of Telegraph Hill, gotten up in honor of the Douglas victory. Whoever had the management of the affair should have notified the Hall Bell Ringer and not brought five or six hundred men uselessly from their homes and business.

UNION HOSE CO. No. 1.—The following compose the officers of Union Hose Co. No. 1, lately organized in this city:

President.....M. D. Boruck
Foreman.....Chas. M. Chase
Assistant Foreman.....Henry Swain
Secretary.....Henry A. Chase
Tresurer.....Wm. R. Duane

## Letter from Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 29, 1858.

*Editor Fireman's Journal*:—Not a bell has tapped since my last. There is no longer room to doubt that the coraling of the thieves, to which I alluded in a former communication has brought about this wholesome calm. The last week, however, was fertile of Fire Department interest. The long premeditated Thanksgiving Ball, given by No 3, came off on the 25th, in elegant style. It was decidedly popular, and embraced a happy co-mingling of all classes of respectable society. Big fish, small fry, middling fry, and all of the fish of the sea and the puddle came to the surface, to catch at the tempting bait—each seemed eagerly and enthusiastically bent upon ogling, finessing, delighting and whirling with the elastic hoops, encircling so many constellations of brilliancy in the fairy firmament of beauty's hemisphere.

Hoops big, hoops small,
Hoops expansive, one and all,
Hoops of Madam wearing wig
Hoops of Sissy, Tom Thumb big.
Hoops of maiden in her teens
Hoops and ribbons, pinks and greens.
Hoops of coquetts plain and fair,
What a chance for a *cooper* there!

The ball was, as I predicted, altogether a fine affair, but did not result in so large a profit to the company as could have been wished. The expenses were too heavy, as indeed they must be when the thing is done upon a liberal scale. No doubt, however, the company will realize something tolerable.

No 4's, on the same evening gave a private entertainment to their friends at their engine house. The table was spread the full length of the engine room, and garnished with the things that smile upon the inner man; indeed it is feared that some of the boys took a smile too much. Delegates were present during the evening from all the companies in the Department, except 3's; who had a sufficient good thing of their own. Speeches were made by your humble servant and others—toasts were drank—songs sung—fun invoked, and uninvited bummers supplied themselves with a square meal, the first since the last public entertainment. The whole thing broke up in harmony and resulted to a large extent in reciprocal good feeling, and to a small extent, in blind staggers and double optics. One gentleman had the misfortune to be chased on his way home by a lamp-post, which overtook him and caused a severe contusion of the nose. Another gent, found a prominent brick building on the wrong corner of the street, and in his praiseworthy efforts to carry it back a brick fell off into his hat, and caused a serious swelling, near the organ of locality. I learn that it is not true that a prominent member of Hook and Ladder No. 1, and an officer of the Department was found trying to light his pipe at the hydrant, corner of K and Fourth streets.

Thanksgiving is getting to be one of the institutions of the country; gobblers suffered terribly, there was a furious war in Turkey, and the freedom of Greece and gravy resulted at once from the conquest. Peace has been declared, but we hope to see a renewal of hostilities before the end of year.

I met one of Four's fellows yesterday, who emphatically denied the lager beer question, and declared that "Ben Adhem" had been sold. Their first question, he says, will be "which is the manlier act, lending cylinders, or robbing hen-roosts?" I should advise them to refer that question to the "*Rooster Boys*." Some of No. 3's men, it is thought will participate in the debate, and quite a *treat* is expected. I have been privately informed that the reason why the lager beer question was discarded was, that the officers of the Department having been invited to participate; the Hon. Secretary wanted to ring in *Scotch whiskey*; this was thought to be more appropriate to the genius of Hook and Ladder No. 1, and Engine No. 2. I do not vouch for the truth of this, but there is a seeming propriety in it.

The Department requires a central alarm bell.—We have a stormy winter before us, with its heavy winds and driving storms, which aid destruction and entirely annihilate the sound of the tinkling bells, upon which we are now forced to rely in direful emergencies. What signifies the efforts of an engine, but one-quarter manned, against a fire at midnight, lashed into fury by a tempest wind? What fire company has not suffered from these evils? Men who would rather miss their call to dinner, have laid unconsciously slumbering in their beds, while the fire without laughed at the feeble efforts of the few who happened to be within cow-bell sound of the house when the alarm was given. Give us good alarms, and we can take care of the flaming enemy. BEN ADHEM.

## Vote Early.

*Editor Fireman's Journal.*—I hope the friends of Mr. Whitney will be on hand and vote early on Monday morning. The best of challengers should be at the spot, and a correct tally list of the number of votes cast kept on the outside. The fact of the friends of Mr. Whitney being refused a clerk renders this necessary.

A FIREMAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3, 1858.

HANDLE OF A JUG.—All the "judges" appointed by the Board of Delegates to conduct the election on Monday, are what are termed "Anti-Whitney or Nuttman-Lane-men," and they as a matter of course have appointed "clerks" (being entitled to one each,) of the same cast of politics. The friends of Mr. Whitney have made repeated applications to be allowed "one" clerk, but have been persistently refused. The people can draw their own conclusions as to the justice of the proceeding.

LAFAYETTE H. AND L.—Mr. Cobb the President and Mr. Mitchell the Foreman, should be on hand early on Monday, for the purpose of affording every protection to the members of their company, as it is rumored that every obstacle will be thrown in the way of the Lafayettes to prevent them from expressing their opinion at the ballot box.—The members of Lafayette have their rights in the department as well as any other branch of it, and they should be sustained at all hazards.

PACIFIC 8.—A notice having appeared in the daily papers to the effect that John C. Lane was unanimously indorsed by Pacific 8 for the Chief Engineership, and for the purpose of placing the matter properly before the department and the people, we will state the following as stated to us: The company consists of 48 members, and there were 26 present at the meeting, 17 voted in favor of Mr. Lane; and 9 against him, and the latter refused to make the nomination unanimous.

THE HESPERIAN.—We acknowledge the receipt of this well edited and acceptable paper, and are glad to know its popularity is increasing. It is a suitable paper for the family circle, and should be read by every woman in the State, The paper is a credit to California, in point of editorial ability and management. Our cotemporaries should not hesitate in doing all in their power to advance the interests of the *Hesperian*.

GOOD ORDER.—We hope good order will be kept at the polls on Monday, and that members of the department entitled to vote will be allowed to do so without hindrance.

BALL.—Knickerbocker Engine Co. No. 5, of Sacramento, are to have a grand ball on New Year's Eve.

## To the Fire Department.

At a meeting of the friends of Chief Engineer F. E. R. Whitney, held at the house of Monumental Engine Co. No. 6, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 30th, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, and ordered published:

WHEREAS, The Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Depar ment have heretofore unjustly and wrongfully refused to declare F. E. R. Whitney Chief Engineer of said Department, and said Whitney having been duly and legally elected Chief Engineer for the term of three years, or until his successor was elected and qualified, at an election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, held pursuant to law on the seventh day of December, A. D., 1857; and

WHEREAS, After a long and patient investigation of charges of fraud made against said Whitney at said election for Chief Engineer, the same were totally unsustained before the Board of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Deeming the recent action of the new Board of Delegates in declaring said election of Chief Engineer null and void and ordering a new election, to be absolutely *arbitrary, unjust, illegal and of no effect*, and at the same time that the good sense of the thinking members will sustain justice and right regardless of local or political prejudices, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we, as friends of said F. E. R. Whitney, in order to avoid if possible any further recourse to the courts of the State to determine the matter, hereby *pledge* ourselves to cast our votes for him, and use our influence in his favor, for the office of Chief Engineer at the election as recently illegally called by the new Board of Delegates; and call upon all true friends of the Fire Department to assist us in doing *justice* to an efficient officer, and for the preservation of the

HUTCHING'S MAGAZINE.—The December issue of this California magazine has been sent us, and is a vast improvement on previous numbers· It concontains the continuation of travels through Mexico, with appropriate illustrations. An article on the climate of California, by John S. Hittel embraces a great deal of useful information; there is besides an abundance of pleasant reading matter.

THE DIFFERENCE.—It is said the friends of Mr. Whitney held a "Caucus" on Tuesday night. They did nothing of the kind. They held a meeting transacted business and made it public through the press. for that reason it is not a caucus. The proceedings of the latter institution are never made public (and it is well they are not) unless there is a "bolt" and then it is found there is no honor among the members.

LYCEUM —The performances at this Theater for the coming week, will comprise the following beautiful selection of plays:

On Sunday evening, "Wreck ashore" and a farce; Monday, "Sea and Land," and a farce; Tuesday, "Victorine;" Wednesday, "Husband of my Heart;" Thursday, "Americans in Paris;" On the Monday following, a New Extravaganza; in each of which the talented Sisters Gougenheim will appear.

BEATEN.—Bruenninghausen, the "mutualator" of the celebrated document from "Vigilant 9." and who contested the seat of Wm. J. Gray, to the Board of Delegates, ran against said Gray for the delegateship, at a meeting of No. 9, held on Tuesday evening, and was badly beaten by said Gray. Who bets on the "Grey?"

BLUM'S.—A splendid assortment of clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods may be found at Blum's No. 130 Montgomery street, next door to Wells Fargo & Co. He is closing out his present stock to make way for new goods, and excellent bargains may be made by giving him a call.

ILLEGAL —The appointment of the Committee on the Fireman's Cemetery, on the part of President Biden, is illegal. The committee is a special not a standing committee, and the President had no right to appoint it, without a motion from the Board.

BEN ADHEM.—Our Sacramento correspondent will please write on only one side of his paper, as it makes it so much easier for the compositors.—This request will apply to our correspondents elsewhere, and they will find it much easier themselves.

SPECIAL MEETING.—A special meeting of the Board of Delegates is called for this evening, for the purpose of answering notice from the Twelfth District Court, receiving reports of committees, and acting upon the voting rolls and returns of companies.

THANKS.—To W. E. Loomis, news agent at the corner of Sansome and Washington streets, for full files of papers and periodicals received by the last steamer. Loomis never forgets us.

THANKS.—We are indebted to Mr. J. H. McCabe, Theatrical Agent, for a copy of the rules and regulations of the "American Dramatic Fund Association. We shall notice it particularly next week.

WITHDRAWN.—We are authorized to withdraw the name of William Free as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election.

☞ All men who do anything must endure a deprecation of their efforts. It is the dirt which their chariot wheels throw up.

THE ROLLS.—On the outside, we publish a corrected list of those members entitled to vote at the next election.

REGULAR MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates will be held on Wednesday evening next.

INDORSED.—S. S. Gordon, candidate for Third Assistant Engineer, has been indorsed by Volunteer Engine Co. No. 7.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER.—At a meeting of Tiger Engine Company No. 14, held on Monday evening, Nov. 8th, S. S. GORDON was nominated as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election.

BELL RINGER.—The name of Thomas Jarrett, of Pacific Engine Company No. 8, is presented as a candidate for bell ringer at the next election of the Board of Delegates.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER.—The name of CORNELIUS WALSH, present Assistant Engineer, is presented as a candidate for re-election.

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Raisins, Layers, in whole, ½ and ¼ boxes.
Raisins, Bunch, in whole, ½ and ¼ boxes,
Raisins, sultans, in hlf bbls
Dried Currants,
Dried Apples, sliced,
Dried Plums.
Dried Apples, quartered,
Dried Peaches,
Prunes, in glass and wood,
Citron, preserved,
Orange Peel, do.
Lemon Peel, do.
Figs,

**PRESERVES IN JARS.**
Damsons,
Strawberries,
Whortleberries,
Apples and Pine Apples,
Raspberries,
Cherries,
Peaches,
Limes,
Ginger Root, China,
Blackberries,
Tomatoes,
Gooseberries,
Brandy Peaches,
Currants,
Barberries,
Tamarinds in bottles and kegs
Chow Chow and Comquat.

**CRACKERS.**
Boston Milk Biscuit,
Butter Crackers,
Water Crackers, in tins of our own importation
California Soda Biscuit,
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Pilot and Navy Bread,
Sugar Biscuit,
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100 gross assorted Extracts, "Burnett's," "Leavitt's, "Preston & Merrill's," comprising—
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Rose Water,
Peach Water,
Bay Water,
Castor Oil,
Essence Peppermint,
Brown's Extract Ginger,
Lyon's Extract Ginger,

**SEEDS.**
Canary,
Hemp,
Rape and Millet,
Caraway,
Coriander,
Mustard,

**SPICES.**
Whole and ground, in tin, glass, paper and wood.
Cinnamon,
Cloves,
Allspice,
Ginger,
Pepper,
Nutmegs,
Mace,
Mustard, Cal.
Eng. Mustard.
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East Boston Syrup, in 5 and 8-gall kegs,
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Wax Matches,
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Vermicelli,
Rice Flour,
Pearl Barley,
Sauap,
Arrow Root,
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Gelatine,
Irish Moss,
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Extra Carolina,
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Adamantine,
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English assorted, in glass.
California Cucumber, in 5 and 3 gal. kegs, and in hf gal. bottles.
Peppers in 3 and 5 gal. kegs.

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English Ale and Porter, in pints and quarts.
**Families residing at a distance from San Francisco can send their orders, accompanied with the cash, and they will be faithfully attended to.** no20-tf.


## MISCELLANEOUS.


**NOTICE.**
**To the Members of the San Francisco Fire Department.**

HAVING SEEN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE daily papers, signed by CHARLES S. BIDEN, President of the Board of Delegates, calling an election on the first Monday in December 1858, I hereby PROTEST against said election being held, as I was duly elected according to law (and as the records of the company will prove) to the office Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department, for the term of three years, on the 7th December 1857, and there is now no vacancy in the office and my term will not expire until December 1860.

F. E. R. WHITNEY,
Chief Engineer, San Francisco Fire Department.
San Francisco, Nov. 29, 1858. de1-1t

**TEAS! TEAS!!**
**Please bear in mind, that the**
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**TEA COMPANY**
are dealers exclusively in and have the most extensive assortment of
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THE PROPRIETORS WOULD announce to their patrons and the public, that they have introduced the
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into their Bathing Establishment—the only place where Ladies and Gentlemen can enjoy this Luxury—
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**PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC**
**Telegraph Co.**

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, approved March 18th, 1858, and under the Constitution and the general laws of the State of California, "The Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Company" have completed their organization.

The Company propose to construct and put in operation a line of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph between the cities of San Francisco and Los Angelos, via San Jose, Santa Cruz, Monterey and other intermediate points, intersecting at Los Angelos the Overland Mail Route from Memphis to San Francisco.

They also propose to extend and complete immediately a continuous line of Telegraph from Los Angelos to to San Antonio, in Texas, and connecting with the various lines of Telegraph of the Eastern States, and also to construct side lines, which will furnish facilities for communication with the Principal Cities and Ports of Mexico.

The route proposed by this Company is deemed more practicable than any other route accross the plains.

The distance is several hundred miles shorter.

The whole line being in a southern latitude, will be entirely free from the injurious effects of frost.

The frequency of Mail Stations and the constant travel at all seasons of the year, will protect the line from interruption, and enable the Company to keep it always in repair.

The friendly disposition of the Southern Indians, as compared with that of the hostile tribes of the North, is another strong inducement for adopting this route.

The books for subscription to the Stock are now open at the BANKING HOUSE OF DAVID'ON, in SAN FRANCISCO; where the Articles of Association of the Company may be seen, and any information on the subject obtained.

SOL. A. SHARP,
JAMES S. GRAHAM,
LEONIDAS HASKELL,
ROBERT H. BACON,
} Corporators.

San Francisco, Sept. 15, 1858. no13-tf

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AMERICAN BRANDY—In ½, ¼, 1-12, 1-16 casks, also, in bbls and 5, 10 and 15 gallon kegs.
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Purchasers of Liquors are invited to examine these Goods, at
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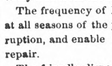
**FOR NEW ORLEANS,**
.....VIA.....
**ISTHMUS OF TEHAUNTEPEC**
THROUGH IN FIFTEEN DAYS!
**Carrying the United States Mail**

ARRANGEMENTS HAVING been made with the *PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY*

For the Transportation of
*FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS,*
....FROM....
**SAN FRANCISCO to VENTOSA,**
Conveyances will hereafter leave Ventosa regularly, on the arrival of said Company's vessels, on or about the 15th and 30th of each Month, for **Suchil,** connecting there with the Company's new and beautiful light draught STEAMER "SUCHIL,"



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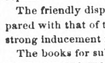

**QUAKER CITY,**
**R. W. SHULFELDT.....Commander,**
Will leave
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.....FOR.....
**New Orleans.**
With the California Mails and Passengers, on or about the 2d and 17th of each Month.
☞ **For Freight or Passage from VENTOSA to NEW ORLEANS.** apply at the Agency of the Lousiania Tehauntepec Company, Southeast corner of Montgomery and Jackson streets.
**LUCIEN HERMAN, Agent.**
San Francisco, Nov. 15th, 1858. no27-tf

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*SANSOME STREET - - NEXT TO MACONDRAY'S*
A large assortment of CARRIAGE STOCK constantly on hand, and for sale at the lowest Cash Price.
Repairing done in a workmanlike manner and warranted.
Orders from the country promptly attended to.
☞ Carriages, Buggies and Wagons stored and sold on commission. au28-tf

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**WATCH & JEWELRY STORE,**
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HAS a large and desirable assortment of every description of JEWELRY, WATCHES of the best manufacturers, QUARTZ JEWELRY and DIAMOND WORK, at most reasonable prices.
Diamond and Specimen Work manufactured to order, by skilful workmen.
Parties will do well to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere, as I am selling thirty per cent cheaper than any other house in California.
Don't forget the number, 183 Clay street, between Montgomery and Kearny sts., opposite Court Block.

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Now landing and for sale by
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500 CASES
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WHOLESALE DRY GOODS
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**TAAFFE, McCAHILL & CO.,**
CORNER OF
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HAVE NOW IN STORE AND ARE RECEIVING by every clipper ship from New York and Boston, and by every steamer from Panama, a large and desirable stock of
**FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC**
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
Suitable for the *British Possessions, Mexican, Islands,* and *Up Country trade,* consisting in part of the following:

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100 bolts *heavy wide Duck,* for tents or roofing houses, from 36 inch to 76 inch wide, Nos. 2 to 10;
275 bolts 00 to 000000 Eureka and Pilot Duck for hose;
130 bales *Twilled Ravens Duck,* for tents;
100 bales "Indian Head" and "Nashua" Sheeting;
100 bales Suffolk, Lawrence and Dwight Brown Drills;
1,000 dozen *Calico, Hickory, Check and Flannel Shirts;*
100 pcs *Lowell* and *Thomsonville Three-ply and Ingrain* Carpets, new styles;
20 cases Colored *Worsted Curtain Damask,* rich styles;
75 cases *Prints*—Pacific, Manchester, Hoyle's, and other brands,
25 cases *all wool Challes* and *Barege de Laines;*
20 cases new style Scotch Ginghams;
2000 dozen Men's Brown, White and Mixed Cotton Socks;
1500 dozen Ladies' White, Mixed and Slate Hose;
400 dozen Men's Woolen Knit Socks;
2000 pairs *Heavy White Mackinaw Blankets,* for the *Indian trade.*
80 cases Indigo Blue Drills, Suffolk, Laconia, Superior, etc., for the Mexican trade;
50 cases *Hickory Shirts,* for Mexican trade;
25 cases and bales Oxford, Superior and Shetucket Denims.
75 cases Bleached Shirtings, assorted widths and qualities.
30 cases *Manhattan, Eagle, Merrimack* and *Star Ticking;*
10009-4, 10-4, 11-4 and 12-4 White and Colored Marseilles Quilts.

LINEN GOODS.
A large assortment of *white and brown Table Damask, Napkins, Doylies, White Linen Damask Table Cloths, Brown Damask Table Cloths, Linen Towels,* Plain and Figured *Turkish Towels, Linen Sheeting* and *Shirting, Fine Brown* and *Holland Linens,* etc.

FANCY DRY GOODS.
*Rich Plain and Colored Fashionable Dress Silks,* in pattern;
*Rich Plain and Colored all-wool Barege Robes;*
*Challes, Grenadines,* etc.;
*Rich Stella Shawls;*
*Alexandre's Kid Gloves*—A full assortment of;
Hoop Skirts, all kinds;
*Embroideries*—Collars, Sleeves, Handkerchiefs, Sets, etc.,
*Laces,* in variety;
Cloaks, Mantillas, Dusters, Sacques, etc., in Cloth and Silk new patterns;
*Linen Garments:*
Bonnet, Bolt, Plain Silk and Velvet Ribbons;
White Swiss, Jaconet, Mull, etc., plain and plaid;
Fine Silk and Cotton Hose, Cloakings, Dress Trimmings, Notions, etc.

MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.
*Fine Merino and Silk* Undershirts and Drawers;
Plain and Fancy *Neck Ties and Cravats.*
Suspenders; Buck Gloves and Gauntlets;
Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs;
Fine Silk, Cotton and Merino Socks;
Fine Riding Gloves etc.
All of which will be sold at the lowest market prices. The attention of buyers is invited.
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## MISCELLANEOUS.


**Northern Assurance Company**
1, MOORGATE STREET, LONDON.
FOR FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCES AT HOME AND ABROAD.
**Established in 1836.**
Incorporated by Special Act of Parliament.
Capital, **£1,259,670, or $6,000,000**
**Annual Revenue Upwards Of £180,000**

**Directors.**
The Right Hon. Lord Ernest Bruce, Chairman,
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William Miller, Esqr. | William Westgarth, Esq.

**Medical Officer.**
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THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.
**Solicitors.**
MESSRS JOHNSTON, FARQUHAR & LEECH.
**Secretary.** A. P. FLETCHER
**Vice Secretary.** EDWARD FUCHS.

**THE 22d ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS** Company was held on the 11th instant, when the following results of the business for the year ending 31st of January last were submitted to the Proprietors and Policy holders.

**Fire Department.**
Premiums for the year.....£101,230 13 6
Which, after payment of all losses and expenses, and provision for all outstanding claims, left to the credit of Profit and Loss a net balance of.....£10,747 11 6

**Life Department.**
Premiums of 422 new Policies issued during the year.....£9,328 8 0
Renewal Premiums and Interest.....£66,691 19 9
Total Revenue for the year.....£77,020 7 9
Claims during the year.....£23,184 12 2
Number of Policies current, 4311—for capital sums amounting to.....£1,027,732 11 2

**Financial Position.**
Amount of Accumulated funds.....£286,062 3 5
Revenue from all sources.....£184,164 6 10
The Dividend declared was at the former rate of 7½ per cent. free of Income Tax.

**Progress of the Company During the Past Five Years.**

| | Fire Department. £ s. d. | Life Department. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Revenue from May 1, 1853 to April 30, 1854 | 29,824 4 7 | 42,758 12 4 |
| Revenue from May 1, 1854 to Jan. 31, 1855, 9 mos. | 37,303 0 0 | 33,374 2 11 |
| Revenue from Feb. 1, 1855 to Jan. 31, 1856 | 77,850 19 9 | 62,184 7 11 |
| Revenue from Feb. 1, 1856 to Jan. 31, 1857 | 91,306 3 6 | 67,962 18 3 |
| Revenue from Feb. 1, 1857 to Jan. 31, 1858 | 101,230 13 6 | 75,920 7 9 |

June 16, 1858.
SMITH BROTHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.
au21 1y Corner of California and Battery streets.

REDUCED RATES
—OF—
**FIRE INSURANCE.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Home Insurance Co., | New York | Capital | $500,000 |
| Niagara | " | " | 200,000 |
| Washington | " | " | 200,000 |
| Park | " | " | 200,000 |
| Lorillard | " | " | 500,000 |
| N. American | " | " | 350,000 |
| | | | $1,550,000 |
| The aggregate surplus of these Companies over | | | 700,000 |
| | | | $2,250,000 |

All paid in CASH, and securely invested.
The subscriber is fully authorized by the above named companies to issue policies and settle losses HERE with the same promptness and liberality as in New York.
JONATHAN HUNT, Agent.
No. 153 Montgomery street,
jy17 6m San Francisco, Feb. 20, 1858.

UNITY FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
**OF LONDON.**
INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT.
**Capital - - $10,000,000.**
*Head Offices: Unity Buildings,* 8 & 10 *Canon St.*
THOMAS GRAY, Esq., MANAGER.
The Policies of this Company are not only guaranteed by a LARGE CAPITAL, but by the responsibility of SIX THOUSAND SHAREHOLDERS being the largest "Proprietary of any Insurance Company in the World," affording the public the most complete security for the faithful discharge of every obligation.
*BUILDINGS AND MERCHANDISE INSURED ON LIBERAL TERMS.*
The undersigned, Agents for California, are authorized to make immediate settlement for any loss or damage by fire.
DICKSON, DEWOLF & CO.,
jy10 tf Merchant Street, San Francisco

HAMBURG, BREMEN,
**FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**
CAPITAL, - - - $1,000,000.
**Insurance taken at the Lowest Rates!**
THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING BEEN appointed Agent for California, is now prepared to effect Insurance against loss by Fire, upon STORES, DWELLINGS, MERCHANDISE and FURNITURE, on favorable terms. All losses by fire sustained by the insured will be immediately settled for.
MORRIS SPEYER, Agent,
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july 17 tf Between Sansome and Montgomery.

**Imperial Fire Insurance Co.**
LONDON.
ESTABLISHED IN 1803.
**Cash Capital ($8,000,000) Eight Millions.**
Having been appointed Agents in California for the above old established Company, the undersigned are desirous of drawing public attention to the superior advantages afforded by insuring in this office. These arise from the fact that the Agents of this Company are vested with full powers to grant policies, and to settle losses at once, and without being obliged to forward the papers to England for approval.
The Imperial Fire Insurance Company having for many years had Agencies established in India, China, Manilla, etc., have had great experience in foreign business, and the instructions received from the Head Office evince a spirit of liberality which will be appreciated by the inhabitan of San Francisco.
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FAULKNER, BELL & CO.,
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**FIRE AND MARINE**
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**No. 106 Montgomery street,**
SAN FRANCISCO.
J. P. HAVEN & W. B. JOHNSTON,
AGENTS FOR THE
**LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE INSURANCE CO.,**
**Capital 10,000,000**
**MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.**
**ORIENT MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.**
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J. P. HAVEN,
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Receive by every Steamer from New York,
FINE CLOTHING,
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Shirts from the best manufacturers, including Morrison and Hoyt, Davis and Jones, Atkinson, and others.
Everybody says we sell
CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER STORE IN SAN FRANCISCO.
**Call and See.**
S. L. WILSON & CO.,
S. E. corner of Commercial and Sansome streets.
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## MISCELLANEOUS.


**JOHN RODGERS & SON,**
*MANUFACTURERS OF*
**FIRE ENGINES,**
**No. 48 N. HIGH ST. BALTIMORE.**
The undersigned are now engaged in manufacturing Fire Engines with end or side stroke, adapted to different localities, Hose Carriages constructed with two or four wheels; Hook and Ladder Trucks, Hose and Screws, Leather Sucking Tubes, Torches, Fire Buckets &c. Also Fire Plugs, Stop Cocks or Valves of every size and most approved construction, with other articles relative to Water and Gas Works, Steam Engines and Machinery, surpassed by none in efficiency and Workmanship.—Second Hand Apparatus for sale.
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**FOR SALE!**
ONE FIRE ENGINE, WITH FOUR TEN INCH Cylinders; Torboss & Van Ness, builders, New York. In perfect order and ready for service. She has Pine & Hartshorn's patent running gear. Accompanying her are twenty feet of suction hose and two side pipes.
Also, one Fire Engine 6½ inch cylinder. James Smith of New York, builder. Warranted to play 90 feet through 1000 feet of hose. She is in perfect order and ready for service.
The above can be seen by application to,
F. E. R. WHITNEY,
au21 tf Chief Engineer.

**FIRE ENGINE FOR SALE.**
FOR SALE. The Side Stroke Engine now in use by Tiger Engine Company No. 14. Cylinders 7¼ by 9¼ inches. She is in perfect order, and well calculated to do excellent service. Apply to
GEORGE REED,
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
CLOTHING WAREHOUSE,
**191 CLAY STREET.**
**PRICES REDUCED!**
Shirts, Collars, Cravats,
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Merino, Silk and Shaker Flannel
Undershirts and Drawers,
Carpet Bags, Trunks, Valises, etc., etc.
BOYS' CLOTHING
Of every description and the latest style. Also, Boys' Shirts and Caps.
**BRANCH;**
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Jy31-tf.

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**SALOON.**
ANDREW J. REED, respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has opened a Saloon on Brenham Place, (next to the Monumental Engine House) which he has stocked with the finest assortment of wines, liquors and cigars, that can be found in the city. Polite and attentive barkeepers, constantly in attendance. All who give him a call, may be assured their wants will be properly attended to. **ANDREW J. REED,**
jy17 tf Telegraph Saloon, Brenham Place.

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**FIRE PROOF ROOFING.**
**NO BOGUS PATENT ASPHALT.**
*THE GENUINE MATERIAL.*
Which is only used for all purposes of roofing, laying sidewalks, etc.,
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**NOTICE.**
**To Railroad Companies, Mining Companies, Ferrymen, Etc.**
I TAKE THIS METHOD OF INFORMING all who want Bridges, Flumes, Acqueducts, Dams, Reservoirs, or any kind of Framing, that I am prepared to take contracts, of any size, in any part of the State on the most reasonable terms. My plan of Bridging is better adapted to the streams of California, than any other now in use, as it can be built in long spans, thereby avoiding the great difficulty of rapid currents and drifts.
As for reference, I have only to refer to the Sacramento Bridge,; Wood's Bridge, at Wood's Ferry, on the Mokelumne river; and Loving's Bridge, on the Stanislaus river; all of which are my work.
Persons wishing work of the above kind done, will find it greatly to their advantage to give me a call before contracting elsewhere; as I can do such work cheaper than any other contractor in the State. I will also furnish Plans, Specifications and do the Engineering for such work, on the most reasonable terms; and will superintend the same if required.
**N. B.—I Caution all Persons not to use my** Plans, as I will prosecute any who may use the same without my permission.
ADDRESS—through Wells, Fargo & Co., or the

# The Firemans Journal.

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### To the Members of the San Francisco Fire Department.

We, the undersigned, a special Monumental and Cemetery Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of this Fire Department, inform you that a book of subscription is now opened at the office of H. A. COBB, Nos. 100 and 102 Montgomery street, for the purpose of receiving donations to aid in fencing the FIREMAN'S CEMETERY and erecting a permanent MONUMENT to our deceased brothers, who perished in discharging their duties as firemen.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
G. H. HOSSEFROSS,
JOHN C. LANE.

### Unsafe Buildings.

St. Mary's Hospital, Stockton street, East side, between Broadway and Vallejo streets.

Jefferson Hotel, Commercial street, opposite Union Theatre.

Nos. 210 and 212 Kearny street, East side, between Jackson and Pacific.

Buildings rear of 298 Stockton street, East side, opposite Virginia Block.

Brick building on Ohio street, West side, between Broadway and Pacific.

California Hotel, corner Dupont and Commercial treets.

Brick building No 184 Washington street.

### Subscriptions

TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CEMETERY FUND—up to the present date, at the office of H. A. Cobb, Chairman Cemetery Committee:

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| F. E. R. Whitney, Chief Engineer | $50 00 |
| Marcus D. Boruck, ex-Sect'y F. D. | 10 00 |
| Jas. E. Nuttman, ex-Chief Engineer | 20 00 |
| T. J. L. Smiley, Pres't Brannan Ass'n | 25 00 |
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| Fred'k Kohler, ex-Chief Engineer F. D. | 10 00 |
| D. H Hanrahan, Sec'y Manhattan 2 | 10 00 |
| Wm. Hart, member Sansome H. & L. 3 | 10 00 |
| G. H. Hossefross, foreman Monumental 6 | 25 00 |
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| Geo. H. Davis, | 10 00 |
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| And others | 52 00 |
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WHO IS YOUR FATHER?—Literary and artistic circles in London are just now in high disgust at the conduct of a certain schoolmaster at Brighton, who compelled Mr. Alfred Wigan, the well-known actor, to remove his son from his school, on the ground that the parents of his other pupils would not like their children to associate with an actor's son. At the present time, when artists of all kinds are in such high repute, when a man of talent and good behavior is sure to be well received, and indeed made much of, in the very highest society, such conduct on the part of a toadying pedagogue is scarely to be credited. It seems to me however, that though the odium naturally falls on him, it is to the snobbism of his employers that his behavior was owing. If Mr. Jones of Clapham Rise (gentleman) and Ludgate Hill (bacon merchant,) if Robinson the banker (whose father originally swept out the shop,) if these gentry did not overawe the wretched Rev. Whitehoker by their Brummagem grandeur and borrowed conceit, the poor sum-checking, hand-caning, copy-seting, classics-translating toady would not thus pander to their miserable exclusiveness. Or if we were to have the sons of rich undoubted tradesmen excluded from our schools and sent to a coventry of their own, what would the next generation be like? What would become of the "connections" which your ex-traders send their sons to Eton and to College to form, and what a race of Yahoos would be let loose upon a disgusted society.—*Loudon Correspondent of Inverness Courier.*

PIGEON FLYING.—Peter Dean of Burgess street, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield, has a pigen bred this year that he will match against any other, bred this year in Birmingham, a home and home match, or he will match him against Pott's blue hen of Back street or S. Jones' ash cock, from the same place, or if S. Bowman of Winslow has one bred this year he can be accommodated with a one hundred mile match with the same bird, or he will fly him against any pigeon bred this year in Macclesfield, the same distance, or he will match his red hen against Samuel Pott's favorite blue hen or Crowder's ash cock, from Bank Top Station, Manchester, if they will give distance. Any of the matches can be made at Dean's house, the Boundary Tavern, Burgess street, Hurdsfield, for £5 or £10 a side.

☞ Addison was an allegant writer, but the following to an "ill-favored lady" was decidedly more unhandsome in him than the lady could have been:

"While in the dark on thy soft hand I hung,
And heard the tempting syren in thy tongue,
What flames, what darts, what anguish I endured
But when the candle entered I was cured!"

## The Fire Department.

The following is a full and complete list of those members of the Fire Department, entitled to vote at the election for Assistant Engineer, on Monday, December 6th, 1858:

### Empire Engine Company No. 1.

*Located on Sacramento, near Kearny street.*

Bainbridge, Arnop
Costigan, J.
Connor, W. T.
Cook, Michael
Castree, D. B.
Carriere, G. H.
Casey E. W
Doyle Thomas
Flannagan T. H.
Fella Charles
Glinnon J. F.
Gorham John
Green Geo. W.
Hunt P.
Howard C A
Henderson W P
Hedges G M
Hagan B
Henley Geo
Jordan Charles G
Kenny Peter
Keefe John
Kenny J W
Kohn J S
Lion S
Lane T A
Lenhart J M
Levinese W H
Wilson E A
Martin John
McCarthy D C
Morris J
McElroy James
Matthews James
Martin Wm
Mahoney John
Peckham E P
Platt H B
Payne Theo
Parson N
Ryckman W L
Robinson W H
Scannell David
Short D M
Smith James
Sylvester Henry
Searle A
Strattman J
Thomas J B
Towle James
Tompkins T B
Van Orden D T
Ward P
Wade J C
Wilson John
Wallace J T
Worthsmith J W

Total—57 members.

### Manhattan Engine Company No. 2

*Located on Jackson, near Montgomery street.*

Adams D C
Beck D L
Babcock J
Blauvelt R D
Brady G W
Burgess H B
Ballou B W
Beaucortz S
Bigley J
Cole Ira
Curley J
Cromer N
Covarrubias N A
Crowley J
Carroll D
Dolan T
Evans F
Field W A
Finley J
Fitzgerald E
Fields A E
Heveran M
Hanrahan D H
Jacobson E
Jackson D B
Keene S P
Korniker L
Kiernan T
Lake H
Lambert G
Ludwick J
Martin P
Mooney C
Nichols C D
O'Neil D F
O'Hara T
Pragg C
Patterson H
Pontin R
Riley P
Swift J D
Smith T J
Smith W
Swift J
Sisk T G
Stebbins J G
Sullivan G
Wadsworth B C
Wason A
Wiley W
E B Zabriskie.

Total---51 members.

### Howard Engine Company No. 3.

*Located on California, near Sansome street.*

Anderson S G
Amos J T
Armitage John
Buchanan H
Butters James
Bailey J L
Baker Geo L
Baldwin A R
Burkes H W
Bryan Wm
Crane D W
Cohn L
Crocker Geo
Cornell A J
Cohen S
Crowell L
Davis G A
Dorr R S Jr
Dexter C H
Eckenroth J
Greenbury L
Hall M Jr
Henderson W O
Harding John
Hunt C L
Hosmer C
Harris P
Hays T R
Hall E W
Jacobs S L
Kimball Geo P
Locke S M
McDonald C E S
McNaughton Thomas
Mandlebaum C
McCormick D
McCarty J T
Meeker S H
McAbbee A
Neidig H
Ottignon J L
Patten W H
Riley J F
Rand D H
Rich A
Ryan J S
Riley James
Riddle J L
Schloss B
Simpson John
Simmons Geo
Swazey G S
Swain J F
Tyler F L
Trieste Benj
Tarbox W S
Whitney G A
Whitney F E R
Whitney C S
Whitney P M
Wallace T
White J
White J M
Willey T S
Zemette A.

Total --65 members.

### California Engine Company No. 4

*Located on Market, near Battery street.*

Astlev J
Ackerson C H
Bryan C H
Boruck M D
Bond C R
Barling H H
Burk J
Briscoe S
Brickwell J
Cherry J H
Coady J K
Courtney James
Culverwell J
Cotter J C
Donnelly H
Davis A
Dean S
Ellis John S
Farren John W
Fleming P H
Freeman B H
Frank Fredk
Green A T
Godfrey W H
Gardner R B
Hayes G W
Hixon W M
Hayes Danl
Hughes D
Henright D J
Johnson S M
Kreamer E
Kerrigan E
Lees I W
Lindsey J M
Middlemiss J T
McLean J
McKibbin Wm
Moran E
Murray T A
Mitchell C F
McLean P B
O'Brien W S
O'Connor C
O'Brien P A
O'Neal E S
Price J
Purdy I B
Quigley Danl
Rosenthal S
Rice Geo F
Sturman M
Shaw Geo N
Swift H
Schaff H C M
Tompkins E B
Torrey J H
Van Winkle P W
Wood W H
Wrede C

Total—61 members.

### Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5.

*Located on Sacramento, near Sansome street.*

Alderton R A
Angell Joseph
Bills H C
Breck C E
Butler W C
Bulger Martin
Brokaw J E
Banta Saml
Broadhurst Wm
Carter C D
Cutter J H
Curry J P
Colby A L
Chase E J
Donovan Jas
Durie Wm
Derrick Henry
Fairman W B
Fagin Michael
Grymes J E
Gillmore John
Hughes J W
Hemphill J F
Johnson L B
King S T
Kent J H
Kennard T W
Kennard D H
Lyons C A
Langley H G
Lincoln G W
Marion Saml
Mestayer Aug
Mills S C
McCarthy M
Moore W H
Malone J F
Moulton B F
Nuttman J E
Newhall S W
O'Connor Thos
Powell C F
Quinlan P B
Reed H R
Rapp Julius
Riley James
Rogers P
Robie L
Stivers L
Smith W N
Searing M G
Slicer A E
Shaffer J B
Slosson W M
Shaw E
Segbus B
Torrence John
Vreeland E B
Willis W H
Wilson Chs
Wheeler H
Williamson D J

Total---62 members

### Monumental Engine Company No. 6.

*Located on Brenham Place.*

Adler B
Arjaud T
Bloomer W
Bohen W
Bendet H
Capprise J
Chase C M
Carlisle Geo
Cole N W
Corbell G W
Davidson N G
Duff Andrew
Dennison B F
DeGuere Geo
Durkee J L
Eldridge W
Eveis C D
Figel J
Griswold J C
Hossefross G H
Hess J S
Kaeb A
Lavritch S
Lewis M M
Labatt S K
Long J H
Lenthal H
May John
Miller W H
Nugent John
Olwell W G
Piser S
Piser H
Rauchert G W
Robinson R P
Randolph W C
Reed A J
Rose G W
Street John T
Sillman J W
Sinton R H
Silverthorn W H
Harders F T
Hall S M
Hall Henry
Hess A J
Hall W D L
Hontigsberger S
Henry L
Henry W
Kaindler A
Kirby W L
Kruger C J
Suttliffe H
Schlushins H A
Smith John
Trivornia L
Todd John
Valburg W
Way C S
Weston Andrew
Wasserman S
Whitehead J
Yeates John L

Total---64 members.

### Volunteer Engine Company No. 7.

*Located on Montgomery street, near Pine.*

Applegate U
Brewster John Jr
Burkes L W
Brown O S
Bailey F
Colby E C
Clark J G
Cummings P
Childs Jas
Carle E
Dowling Richard
Donahue J
DeAngelis John
Eells J S
Eaton I Ward
Elliot Chas
Fenton J J
Fletcher A K
Fuller O
Field Chas
Farnsworth W O
Freeman C W
Geils A
Gough Peter
Garrison L B
Hayden W
Howard Jas
Heyer A
Ide J E
Jameson H A
Knowlton G W
Keith S D
Lane J C
Ley H D
Lahnsen H
Moore J B
Murphy J F
Minturn Jonas
Macondray F W
Meyer Henry
Miller H J
Moore D
Ordway R J
Palmer Cyrus
Plaskett W
Reed Geo
Rowell I
Rowlston J W
Reynolds H J
Stratton A W
Schleisher J
Stratton E
Souther J W
Smith W F
Summer W F
Tierney John
Tobey W M
Torrey J F
Walker James
Whitton W F
Yellott W
Yellott Geo

Total—64 members.

### Pacific Engine Company No. 8.

*Located on Jackson street, near Front.*

Alton W S
Burns M
Birdsell J
Browning A
Chapin E M
Cole J
Coughlin T
Colby M L
Cordes H
Davis J
Everett J
Fox T
Gay J A
Gayner M
Gilchrist J W
Harty J
Hassett M S
Holji H
Hartshorn J
Harris T
Harvey E C
Jarrett T
Jones E
Kholmas C
Kench E W
Laurence L L
Lafflin J
Mohan E
Neefus M S
Neefus A
Palmer T
Prues C W
Reynolds T
Richards F Jr
Robertson H
Robertson T B
Rowe W B
Rumpsfeld J H
Smith J L
Seymour G C
Sturman S
Seymour G
Smith P
Walsh C
Webber J
White G
Wilson J N
Wolf S

Total---48 members.

### Vigilant Engine Company No. 9.

*Located on Stockton street, near Broadway.*

Bovee W H
Brueninghausen R C
Barbero J S
Bauman H H
Brader P
Byrne C J
Bigger W J
Bryant W D
Chappell J G
Connell C D
Carlton H Jr
Curtis W H
Canham W F
Clark Lyman
Ducker C
Dougherty J
Daniels J
Emerson W
Forner John
Fitzpatrick J E
Funkenstien P
Fox Emanuel
Gray W J
Gough H O
Gough C H
Guyton S M
Green J C
Goding G H
Heinold J M
Huxley J M
Hudson H K
Harr's J
Hanford B T
Jessup A J
Joost Fabian
Krieble A J
Morrison J
Michels M
McLaughlin J
McLellan D D
Miller Wm
Nicholson J
Nichols J
Pierso J T
Parero Frank
Russell J A
Short J Sr
Stewart E F
Short J Jr
Simmons C C
Squire H C
Smith W H
Turner C
Weir James
Young E

Total—55 members.

### Crescent Engine Company No. 10.

*Located on Pacific street, near Kearny.*

Athinson Francis
Aronson F
Biden C S
Burns Walter
Bonnard F T
Bidleman J B
Barry E L
Barry Wm
Curry John
Cavallett C
Crowley P
Crowley John
Court Michael
Cox Patrick
Crangle Wm
Dolan P R
Delarduelle G
Eleman W L
Farrell P B
Free Wm
Farley Wm
Farley John
Ford Henry
Forbes John
Gates Daniel
Hillman Thomas
Harding Henry
Howard R
Johnson G W
Johnson C F
Joyce J
Kenney J
Kane James
Kelly James
Kelly J W
Leslie A
Lafflin J
Lestrade Jules
Lowe James
Mount W
McCann John
Mitchell R
McNichol S
Mallen John
McCormack John
O'Brien Robt
Osmer Fredk
Peterson A Jr
Perry John
Palmer E C
Rigg E A
Russell T A
Smith John
Smith C
Stamp H
Scott T
Sellinger L
Tobin R J
Tracey John
Wilson C T
Wilson C W
Wilson Chas
White J W
Williams J W
Yeager Joseph

Total---65 members.

### Columbian Engine Company No. 11.

*Located on Bush near Kearny street.*

Bonte L
Bellemere A
Brown Fredk
Baas C
Bartlett C H
Butler James
Cushing Robt
Cass Felix
Cazneau W L
Cutts W H
Carson John
Candlet A
Devoe A
Donnellan B C
Doyle James
Ennis W J
Fancher Geo
Garvin John
Harrington D
Harber Thos
Hart John
Harr J
Humphrey B F
Johnson E J
Jurgens R
Keiff Peter
Leon G T
Larkin P
Murphy John
Meyer John
Murr W
Mengel John
Mullaley J T
Mather R
Pennycook J
Riley R
Sheppard J H
Schnabel H
Storey S
Stopalkamp A H
Toomey John
Tittel F J C
Valleau T A
Valleau C
Weaver J
Weiss W
Wickenheiser F

Total—47 members.

### Pennsylvania Engine Company No. 12.

*Located on Jackson street, near Kearny.*

Batturs E T
Baugh W W
Beeler A L
Burns E H
Bell W J
Corson J G
Close A J
Coffroth J W
Dugan John
Donahue M
Danzginger H
Dunlevy J
Edwards Frank
Grant L T
Gutte I
Gladwin W B
Giffing J M
Gardner J H
Graves A B
Hand C V
Hanna John
Haney W W
Harding S C
Hughes M E
Jones F L
Kerr J W
Leehey H
Massey A
McDonald G W
Martin W
Meehen S G
Norcross D
Overn G
Potts I
Parkinson G C
Pollock R
Post H A
Parkinson C
Pettit W H
Reese J M
Robbins J
Thomson J S
Tennent T
Wheeler F A
Wallace R B
Wheeler Frank
Zimmerman J A
Yerkes Isaac

Total— 49 members

### Young America Engine Company No. 13.

*Located at the Mission.*

Barmore J
Courtier S
Corbett J C
Corbett W
Connelly E
Cline J
Couch J
Dennison J G
Dennison J V
Dorland T
Dunne J
Daniels F
Denny J J
Davis J A J
Downing M H
Finnegan J C
Fennell Martin
Fennell Michael
Farren Robert
Ferguson G N
Grant James
George D W
Greene W G
Greene J
Hayes Michael
Hall Wm
Harkness J J
Holt W B
Hillyer M C
Johnson J B
Kisling J W
Kobecke C
Lynch M
Langerman W
Larkin W F
Marshall C P
McAttee P
May T C
O'Callahan J
Pruzzo John
Pease E T
Quinn Arthur
Reed M
Shear W
Shear C H
Schiedt C
Stevens B F
Treat J
Valencia E
Whalen J
White T J
Wintringer L
Wallace J
Wadsworth J C L
Williams H F
Wallace W

Total—56 members.

### Tiger Engine Company No. 14.

*Located on Second street, near Natoma.*

Bunker R F
Brown W
Barr Neil
Clapp C
Clark J
Chase H A
Collins R B
Collins R
Carroll J
Coyle J E
Davis J B F
Fitzgibbon M E
Fogarty J
Gilmore G W
Gordon S S
Geyges C
Glover D H
Goldsbury N B
Husing R
Houghtaling A P
Hammar M O
Hudson G B
Haine Arthur
Jansen J C
Johnson T
Koster F
Kiernan T
Kinsman J W
Lane J A
Laurence G P
Luhden L
Leach N P
Mordecai J T
Mellet Geo
Morrison P P
Merritt M B
Meyers P
McCully J M
Plum C M
Pierce Geo
Reed J T
Reed S B
Schulte J A
Strie G L W
Seitz C
Swain Henry
Simons D
Wilkinson P C
Wood W B
Williams S
Woodley J H
Wright J A

Total—54 members.

### St. Francis Hook and Ladder Company No .1.

*Located on Dupont street, opposite Commercial.*

Aubert A
Barroilhet H
Buckley J P
Barrett S W
Bossuye J
Bloomer H G
Berry J
Berry J Jr
Bergman R
Courts J W
Cole H
Cherry J W
Davis D
Dennery B
Ezekiel J
Finlay T E
Fenstermacher M
Fromberg S
Fromberg M
Gibbs G W
Gibbs E R
Hoesch H
Henry C
Hubbard J
Knowles J
Lewis H M
Lantzwert L
Landsberger J
Lainbeer John
Levecr Y M
McCormick P
O'Keefe H K
Parker G A
Reese H
Robie L H
Saulman A J
States W N
Shoenbar J
Schultze C
Van Stratton B E
Worn G A
Wegener F O
Weyl F
Wallace C D
Westphall J

Total---45 members.

### Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

*Located on Broadway, near Stockton street.*

Arees P
Boverat J
Beziade J
Barousse H
Blick P
Bourgeois A
Begue A
Boone J B
Bordenave N
Bollard V
Barthe E
Cobb H A
Cambournac J
Costalin M
Clavis J
Crouch D
Courcelle A
Dolet A
Danignev E
Dastuges G
Decker C
Farg-alv D
Grisar E
Goux J B
Gouzey S
Girard A
Gal'ote E
Hertman J
Hublin V
Heutier L
Hyche J
Iral C
Laburthe N
Laugenhagen R S
Lallemand A
Margert N
Mitchell T A
Navelet V
Nolle L
Nolevan L
Prudon L
Pigne Dupytren
Redlick M
Reed J B
Ratie L
Roullard P
Richard L S
Stapffer L
Soupois E
Voisard A
Villaceque F
Weil D

Total—52 members.

### Sansome Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

*Located on Montgomery street, near Pacific.*

Adrain W
Bartlett F A
Badger W G
Blackwood J
Barbier A
Coleman W T
Coit H B
Dodge R K
Dey R N
Edwards W P
Engert A F C
Fayres H P
Embury J W
Ferguson C
Gibbs C E
Gilbert J A
Gregory H
Greene Wm
Hewlett J C
Haynes J W
Hudson G A
Howell J L
Hoffman W T
Haynes T J
Horn B C
Hambly W G
Horn T L
Kilduff P D
Larcombe J B
Loud Warren
Lee R B
Law R A
Maltbie A
McFarland J
Mills L R
Nichols J S
Page R C
Sickles John
Story W F
Smith W O
Stillwell G W
Snook W S
Sullivan J W
Snyder A A
Snyder A W
Sperry F
Van Brunt R N
Van Bokkelen J L
Vail C H
Vandeveer T J
Van Bokkelen G A
Wimmer J

Total---52 members.

SECRETS OF THE ALCHEMISTS.—The pretended secret of the alchemists was their transmutation of the baser metals into gold, which they occasionally exhibited to keep the dupes, who supplied them with money, in good spirits. This they performed in various ways. Sometimes they made use of crucibles with false bottoms; at the real bottom they put a quantity of gold or silver, which was covered by powdered crucible, mixed with gum or wax; then the material being put into a crucible, and the heat applied, the false bottom disappeared and at the end of the process the gold or silver was found at the bottom of the crucible. Sometimes they made a hole in a piece of charcoal, filled it with oxide of gold or silver, and stopped up the hole with wax or they stirred the mixture in the crucible with hollow rods, containing oxide of gold or silver within, and the end closed with wax. By these means the gold or silver wanted was introduced during the operation, and considered as its product. Sometimes they used a solution of silver in nitric acid, or of gold in aqaria-regia, or of amalgum of gold or silver, which, being adroitly introduced furnished the desired quantity of metal. A common exhibition was to dip nails into a liquid, and then to take them out half converted into gold; these nails were one-half gold and one half iron, and the gold was covered with something to conceal its color, which the liquid was capable of removing. Sometimes they used metalic rods, one-half gold and the other silver; the gold was whitened with mercury and being dipped into the transmuting liquid and heated, the mercury was dissipated and the gold appeared. Lord Bacon compares the alchemists to the young men who carefully dug and re-dug their father's field in search of a treasure which they never found, but whose labor was amply repaid by the fertility imparted to the soil which they turned up with other intentions.


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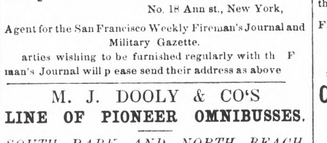

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